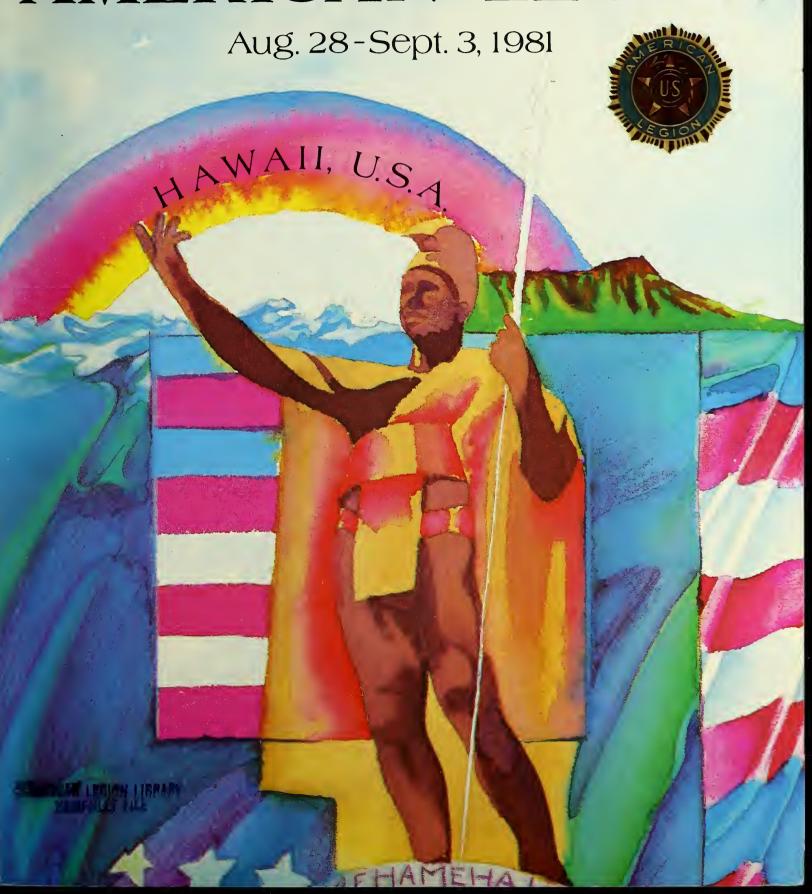
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ABOUT THE COVER: The cover of this year's program of the National Convention of The American Legion portrays a blend of both the history and the atmosphere of Hawaii. The patterns of the flags of Hawaii and The United States are blended just as Hawaii's people have become blended with all Americans. The Hawaiian warrior is Kamehameha, the Great, the wise and corrageous Polynesian king who unified all the islands into a single kingdom. The rainbow, of course, is a blend of Hawaiian sunshine and her generatingli, commonly seen over the great valleys that back up the City of Houolulu. Diamond Head is that solemn extinct volcanic cinder cone which stands guard over the south end of Waikik Beach. Finally, above all is the blue Hawaiian sky, washed by fleecy clouds, the trademark symbol of Hawaii's benevolent climate.

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The artist, Jonelle Gillette, is a native of Seattle, Washington, who has lived in Hawaii since 1969. She studied Art at the University of Washington and at the University of Hawaii and she holds a degree of Master of Fine Arts. A busy graphic artist, she is also an instructor in Art at Chaminade University.

National Commander's Message of Welcome

to Delegates and Guests

63rd Annual National Convention

Aloha!

Welcome to the 50th state and to the 63rd Annual Convention of The American Legion.

It has been a momentous year in this nation's history since our convention in Boston and many important changes have taken place. Our hostages have returned home from Iran, there is a new administration in the White House, and the Space Shuttle has rekindled international respect for American ingenuity and technology. But the most important change in this country in the past year is not something that you are likely to read about in history books. That change, my fellow Legionnaires, is the rebirth of good-old-fashioned patriotism.

Once suspected of being a dead issue in the United States, patriotism has been revived from a long and fitful sleep. Some claim that it is a result of the crisis in Iran. Others claim it is a reaction to increased Soviet intervention and aggression. But, whatever the reason, it is alive and well and growing in the hearts and minds of the American public.

The Legion, of course, has been at the forefront of this new patriotism, and our activities this year are testimony to this fact. For example, on March 16 in Washington, I met with Vietnam veterans from every state of the Union to discuss the future and what it portends. We were joined by many distinguished citizens from all walks of life and I must say the outcome was extremely encouraging. A short time later at Arlington National Cemetery we presented The American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal on behalf of all of the dead and missing from the Vietnam War. Then, on National Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day, the Legion met on the site of the proposed Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington and pledged our support to raise private funds for its construction.

I can testify to the acts of thousands of individuals in the Legion who are bringing patriotism back into the lives of others through their volunteer work in national Legion programs which were designed with that purpose in mind. Through the Americanism and youth oriented activities men, women and children are gaining a new sense of what America is all about and the message is



MICHAEL J. KOGUTEK National Commander

clear . . . The United States is something to be proud of and citizenship in this glorious country is a sacred trust.

We in the Legion should be overjoyed that the rest of the nation has finally begun to comprehend what we have been saying for years; that we in this country are truly blessed. It behooves all of us to broadcast to the world that we are proud to be Americans.

As we proceed with our deliberations at this convention, let us ever keep in mind that The American Legion means business and that our business is America. "God bless all of you."

WHERE TO REGISTER

AND OBTAIN INFORMATION

Registration and Information Booths will be operated in Honolulu for the convenience of conventioneers. You may register for the convention at a fee of \$5.00 per adult.

Booths will be located —

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Hawaii Ballroom Foyer Sheraton Waikiki Hotel

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Additionally, conventioneers may register at the Convention Corporation Office, Suite 500, 1833 Kalakaua Avenue.

All persons (except those under age 12) are to be reminded that the official convention badge or other approved credentials are required to gain entry to the General Convention Sessions.





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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

June 19, 1981

I am delighted to send my greetings and warm regards to the American Legion as you gather for your 63rd

Over the years, from the First World War to the present, the Legion has provided strong leadership for American veterans. It has contributed to the welfare and betterment of those who have served in expression of views on issues facing our Nation.

I am keenly aware of your strong support at the polls last fall and, more importantly, I am deeply of freedom and a strong America. This Administration is committed to restructuring government spending to put our Nation back on a sound financial footing. At the same time, we are firmly committed to providing our Nation's military strength and to providing for its defense. I pledge to you that made at the expense of a strong military posture.

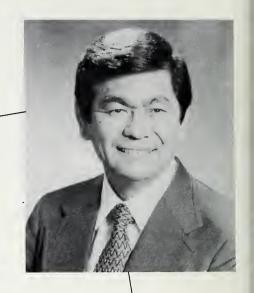
Nor will there be any lessening of our basic commitment to provide for the men and women who have met their Nation's call -- who left their homes and families to serve, to fight, and sometimes to die for our precious heritage. That America stands to die for our precious heritage. That America stands of instability and bondage is the highest tribute to the dedication and sacrifice of our servicemen and veterans. Those who have served their Nation less than the full measure of gratitude and support of their Nation.

The Legion's goals and aspirations have always reflected the best in the American spirit. Truly, you have demonstrated what Thomas Jefferson called "the most noble of affections -- patriotism".

You have my best wishes for a productive and successful convention, and I join all Americans in commending you for your outstanding contributions to freedom and the Nation.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan





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MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR GEORGE R. ARIYOSHI MESSAGE FRUM GOVERNUR GEORGE R. ARIYUSHI 63RD ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

On behalf of the people of Hawaii, I welcome to Hawaii with warmest aloha On behalf of the people of Hawaii, I welcome to Hawaii with warmest aloha the thousands of members of The American Legion, their spouses and families, for the thousands of members of the Legion, scheduled for August 28 through Sentember 3. 1981.

This happy and auspicious gathering marks the second time in less than a description has above Haugii for its This happy and auspicious gathering marks the second time in less than a decade that this outstanding American organization has chosen Hawaii for its decade that this outstanding American organization has chosen Hawaii holds for our This is indicative of the charm Hawaii holds for our immense annual convention. This is indicative of the charm which our people have visitors, and the sincere and competent hospitality with which our people visitors, and the Leaionnaires. through September 3, 1981.

In this 40th year since the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, we look back on a ally changed world. We live in peace with former assumes and have for some In this 40th year since the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, we look back on a radically changed world. We live in peace with former enemies, and hope for peace with former enemies with the peace with former enemies and hope for peace with former enemies with the peace with the pe radically changed world. We live in peace with Torrier enemies, and hope for peace with troubled friends. The tensions of our world are fraught with enormous with troubled friends. At the same time, there is a great yearning by all peoples potentials for conflict. At the same time, there is a great yearning by all peoples for an end to alohal hostility and fear. welcomed the Legionnaires.

In such a world, the men and women who have been closest to war are In such a world, the men and women who have been closest to war are undoubtedly those who work most earnestly for peace. Now, more than ever, the fundamental three works are reminded by The American Legion to remember the fundamental Americans are reminded by a principles upon which our nation was founded: we are one Nation. for an end to global hostility and fear. Americans are reminded by The American Legion to remember the fundamental was founded: we are one Nation, under God, we are one which our nation was founded: we are a republic, a democracy, a principles upon which our nation was founded: we are a republic, a democracy, a principles upon which our nation was founded to liberty and justice for all; we are a republic, a democracy, a principle of the principle of t indivisible, pledged to liberty and justice for all; we are a republic, a democracy, a free and open society responsible for handing on faithfully to future generations the blessings we have received from our forebears.

The American Legion is the bearer of this great message, offering it to all We who will listen. Hawaii's people especially appreciate this message. When will listen Harbor—and Korea and Vietnam—understand what is essential to remember Pearl Harbor—and Korea and Nation. We welcome all in The American the peace and prosperity of our State and Nation's service and to the account to the peace and prosperity committed to our Nation's service and to the account to the acco blessings we have received from our forebears. the peace and prosperity of our State and Nation. We welcome all in the American.

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We have volus stay with us will be eminently pleasant and rewarding. Legion who are so wholly committed to our Nation's service and to the goo mankind. We hope your stay with us will be eminently pleasant and rewarding. Jeng Huy shi George R. Ariyoshi

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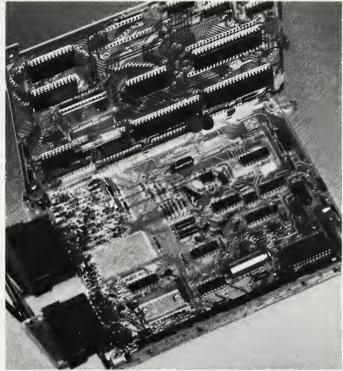
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In Hawaii we say, "Hele Mai", come into our circle to share with us what we have. We Hawaii Legionnaires wish all of us a successful grounds. convention, and extend to you our hospitality and appreciation. Aloha Nui Ka Kou, Welcome and Love to all of you.

O.T. "Tom" Shonk, Jr. Department Commander

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American Legion Baseball has given thousands of young people the opportunity to learn the values of fair play and excellence in athletic competition. Over 60% of today's major leaguers are graduates of the program.

The American Legion has supported our youth in many other ways too. American Education Week, Boys State, the National High School Oratorical Contest and the American Academy of Achievement are just a few of the ways Legionnaires have gotten involved.

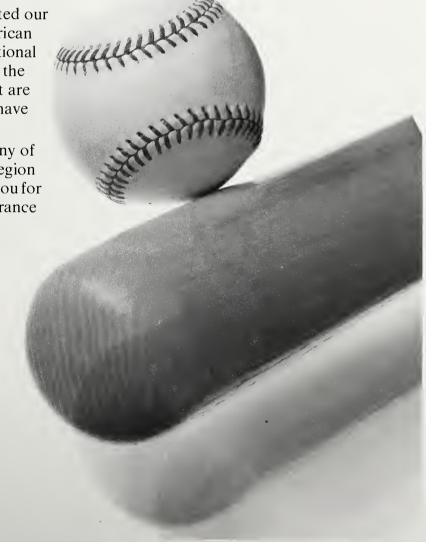
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We are honored that you have selected Honolulu for the site of your convention this year. That this is your second annual convention to be held here, the first having been held in 1973, makes this a special honor. It is a tribute to our people and to our convention facilities.

The fact that there will be about 30,000 participants in the convention makes it one of the largest and most significant conventions to be held in our city. We are well aware of the important role of the American Legion in watching over and working for the welfare of our country.

We are proud of the about 2,000 Legionnaires in our State, and we join them in looking forward to your convention.

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Legionnairs and Guests:

I offer my warmest aloha to you once again during your 63rd Annual Convention in Honolulu. I am sure you will find your visit to our fair city to be as warm and pleasant as you have found it to be in the past.

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May I wish you a successful convention and an enjoyable visit here.

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On behalf of the Honolulu Police Department, I extend best wishes and warmest aloha to the delegates of the 63rd Annual Convention of The American Legion.

All of us in Hawaii are very happy and konored that you have selected Hawaii as your convention site this year and assure you of our aloha and hospitality of the Islands. We hope that you and your families will enjoy your visit and the many fine attractions Hawaii has to offer.

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- 1. Check the exits. Walk down the corridors to locate fire exits near your room. Count the doorways or the steps you need to take between your door and the exit. Avoid using the elevators in case of a fire.
- 2. Check your room. Know the layout. This could be the best place and only safe place in the event of a fire. Put your hotel key near you when you are asleep. Never leave your room without your key. Try the windows. How do they open?

Check the locks on your door for operation. Look out your window to determine possible escape routes.

- 3. If the fire is in your room report it to the Fire Department. Try to put the fire out but if you have any doubts as to your ability to put it out by yourself get out and close the door behind you. Sound the alarm. Awaken others.
- 4. If your door is hot or smoke is dense in the hallways, stay in your room. Open the window slightly to vent the room if there is smoke. Let someone know that you are in the room. If the phone works, call for help. If your bathroom has a fan, turn it on. Fill the bath tub with water. The water may be needed to combat the fire and smoke. Put wet towels and sheets around doors and cracks if smoke seeps in. Remember that you can use the ice bucket to bail water. If your room becomes untenable, you may be forced to make for the nearest exit. Keep low to the floor to avoid breathing in the smoke.
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Waikiki Outrigger Hotel 2335 Kalakaua Avenue 923-0711 (Hugh C. Graham — Adjutant)

DELAWARE:

Waikikian Hotel 1811 Ala Moana 949-5331 (Garland D. Bloodsworth — Adjutant)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:

Hawaiian Regent Hotel 2552 Kalakaua Avenue 922-6611 (H. Victor Conwell — Adjutant)

FLORIDA:

Sheraton Waikiki Hotel 2255 Kalakaua Avenue 922-4422 (Dyke Shannon — Adjutant)

FRANCE:

Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel 2005 Kalia Road 949-4321 (Kenneth E. Johnson — Adjutant)

GEORGIA:

Cinerama Reef Tower Hotel 227 Lewers Street 923-3111 (George E. Osborne — Adjutant)

HAWAII:

Inn on the Park Hotel 1920 Ala Moana 949-4722 (Henry S.P. Wong — Adjutant)

IDAHO:

Waikiki Resort Hotel 2460 Koa Avenue 922-4911 (Marion P. Johnson — Adjutant)

ILLINOIS:

Sheraton Waikiki Hotel 2255 Kalakaua Avenue 922-4422 (Vincent A. Sanzotta — Adjutant)

INDIANA:

Hyatt Regency Waikiki Hotel 2424 Kalakaua Avenue 922-9292 (George S. Wilkerson — Adjutant)

IOWA:

Princess Kaiulani Hotel 120 Kaiulani Avenue 922-5811 (John B. Brokens — Adjutant)

ITALY:

Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel 2005 Kailia Road 949-4321 (John J. Fornacca — Adjutant)

KANSAS:

Moana Hotel 2353 Kalakaua Avenue 922-3111 (Floyd J. Rogers — Adjutant)

KENTUCKY:

Waikiki Surf Hotel 2200 Kuhio Avenue 923-7671 (Kenneth W. Hart — Adjutant)

LOUISIANA:

Holiday Inn Waikiki Beach 2570 Kalakaua Avenue 922-2511 (James E. Tripp — Adjutant)

MAINE:

Hawaiian Regent Hotel 2552 Kalakaua Avenue 922-6611 (Daniel Lambert — Adjutant)

MARYLAND:

Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel 2005 Kalia Road 949-4321 (Daniel H. Burkhardt — Adjutant)

MASSACHUSETTS:

Outrigger Surf Hotel 2280 Kuhio Avenue 922-5777 (John P. Swift — Adjutant)

MEXICO:

Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel 2005 Kalia Road 949-4321 (Joseph P. Weingarten — Adjutant)

MICHIGAN:

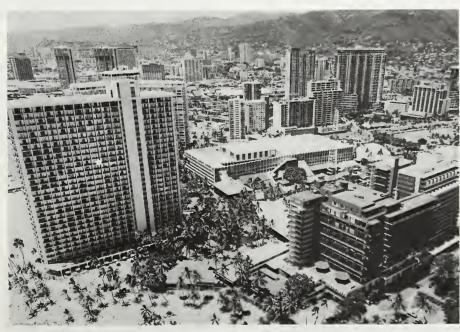
Pacific Beach Hotel 2490 Kalakaua Avenue 922-1233 (F. Gerrit Veldman — Adjutant)

MINNESOTA:

Ilikai Hotel 1777 Ala Moana 949-3811 (Charles Ferguson — Adjutant)

MISSISSIPPI:

Waikiki Beachcomber Hotel 2300 Kalakaua Avenue 922-4646 (Martin O. Blanchard — Adjutant)



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MISSOURI:

Cinerama Reef Hotel 2169 Kalia Road 923-3111

(Lloyd E. "Ed" Johnson — Adjutant)

MONTANA:

Ambassador Hotel 2040 Kuhio Avenue 941-7777 (Hugh "Tony" Cumming — Adjutant)

NEBRASKA:

Prince Kuhio Hotel 2500 Kuhio Avenue 922-0811 (Duane Bokemper — Adjutant)

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Ala Moana-Americana Hotel 410 Atkinson Drive 955-4811 (Hubert S. O'Neil — Adjutant)

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Outrigger West Hotel 2330 Kuhio Avenue 922-5022 (Robert W. Field — Adjutant)

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Coral Reef Hotel
2299 Kuhio Avenue
922-1262
(L. A. "Tony" Santillanes — Adjutant)

NEW YORK:

Hawaiian Regent Hotel 2552 Kalakaua Avenue 922-6611 (Leonard E. Baxter — Adjutant)

NORTH CAROLINA:

Waikiki Village Hotel 240 Lewers Street 923-3881 (C. Keith Sink — Adjutant)

NORTH DAKOTA:

Royal Hawaiian Hotel 2259 Kalakaua Avenue 923-7311 (Vernon Useldinger — Adjutant)

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Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel 2005 Kalia Road 949-4321 (Francisco B. Quesada — Adjutant)

PUERTO RICO:

Waikiki Pacific Isle Hote 1850 Ala Moana 955-1567 (Edelmiro Lopez de Victoria — Adjutant)

RHODE ISLAND:

(Louis R. J. Malo - Adjutant)

SOUTH CAROLINA:

Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel 2005 Kalia Road 949-4321 (James A. Hamilton — Adjutant)

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Surfrider Hotel 2353 Kalakaua Avenue 922-3111 (Maynard L. Hemp — Adjutant)

TENNESSEE:

Pacific Beach Hotel 2490 Kalakaua Avenue 922-1233 (Barney W. Greene — Adjutant)

TEXAS:

llikai Hotel 1777 Ala Moana 949-3811 (W. H. McGregor — Adjutant)

UTAH:

Holiday Inn-Makai Waikiki 2045 Kalakaua Avenue 955-6363 (Dean C. Hall — Adjutant)

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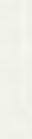


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THE AMERICAN LEGION 63rd NATIONAL CONVENTION MEETING ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

STANDING COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Americanism Commission:

Aug. 29, 9:00 a.m.
Coral Ballroom II
Mid-Pacific Conference Center
Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel
Chairman: Daniel J. O'Conner
Forest Hills, New York

Americanism Screening Committee:

Aug. 28, 9:00 a.m.Gold Room I, 2nd Floor, Ocean Tower Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel

Commission on Children & Youth:

Aug. 29, 9:00 a.m.
Coral Ballroom I
Mid-Pacific Conference Center
Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel
Chairman: Eugene V. Lindquist
Clairissa, Minnesota

Constitution and By-Laws Committee:

Aug. 29 and 30, 9:00 a.m.
Ti Leaf Room
Mid-Pacific Conference Center
Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel
Chairman: William W. Greeman
Batesville, Indiana

Convention Commission:

Aug. 29-September 3, inclusive, 9:00 a.m. Board Room, Second Floor, Ocean Tower Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel Chairman: Eric H. Smith Glen Ellyn, Illinois

Distinguished Guest Committee:

Aug. 29, 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon Tapestry Lounge Mid-Pacific Conference Center Chairman: Maurice E. Druhl Beaverton, Oregon

Economic Commission:

Aug. 29, 9:00 a.m. Mynah-Nautilus Room Mid-Pacific Conference Center Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel Chairman: Frank A. Kelly Savannah, Georgia

Economic Screening Committee:

Aug. 28, 9:00 a.m.Gold Room III, 2nd Floor, Ocean Tower Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel

Emblem Committee:

Aug. 29 and 30, 9:00 a.m.
Gold Room I, 2nd Floor, Ocean Tower
Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel
Chairman: Clayton C. Schlick
Osage, Iowa

Finance Commission:

Aug. 29, 9:00 a.m.
Empire Room I, 2nd Floor, Ocean Tower
Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel
Chairman: Churchill T. Williams
Oelwein, Iowa

American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee:

Aug. 29, 9:00 a.m.
Gold Room III, Second Floor, Ocean Tower
Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel
Chairman: Harold E. Heinly
Santa Ana, California

Foreign Relations Commission:

Aug. 29, 9:00 a.m.New Zealand Room, 2nd Floor, Main Tower Ilikai Hotel, 1771 Ala Moana

Four (4) Subcommittee rooms:

Molokai Room, Hilo Room, Kona Room, Hailua Room
Ilikai Hotel, 1771 Ala Moana
Chairman: Dr. Robert P. Foster
Maryville, Missouri

Internal Affairs Commission:

Aug. 29, 9:00 a.m.
Beach Club, 2nd Floor, Ocean Tower
Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel
Chairman: James P. Dean
Corinth, Mississippi

Membership and Post Activities Committee:

Aug. 29, 9:00 a.m.
Terrace Lanai, 2nd Floor, Ocean Tower
Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel
Chairman: Gary W. Sammons
Ecorse, Michigan

Legislative Commission:

Aug. 29, 9:00 a.m.

Empire Room II, 2nd Floor, Ocean Tower

Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel

Chairman: Keith A. Kruel

Fennimore, Wisconsin

National Security Commission:

Aug. 29, 9:00 a.m.

Pacific Ballroom, Lobby Level

Ilikai Hotel, 1771 Ala Moana

Chairman: Roger A. Munson

Mentor, Ohio

Public Relations Commission:

Aug. 29, 9:00 a.m.

Sea Pearl Room

Mid-Pacific Conference Center

Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel

Chairman: William M. Detweiler

New Orleans, Louisiana

Resolutions Assignment Committee:

Aug. 28-Sept. 2, inclusive, 9:00 a.m.

National Headquarters Office, Exhibit Pavilion

Mid-Pacific Conference Center

Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel

Chairman: Alex M. Geiger

Gaston, South Carolina

The American Legion Magazine Commission:

Aug. 29, 9:00 a.m.

Gold Room II, 2nd Floor, Ocean Tower

Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel

Chairman: Milford A. Forrester

Greenville, South Carolina

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission:

Aug. 29, 9:00 a.m.

Coral Ballroom IV

Mid-Pacific Conference Center

Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel

Chairman: William F. Lenker

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Screening Committee:

Aug. 28, 9:00 a.m.

Gold Room II, 2nd Floor, Ocean Tower

Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel

The Select Committee on Special Problems of the VA&R Program:

Aug. 28, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Board Room, 2nd Floor, Ocean Tower Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Aug. 31, 4:00 p.m.

Coral Ballroom IV, Mid-Pacific Conference Center Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel Chairman: National Commander Michael J. Kogutek, Lackawanna, New York

S.A.L. MEETINGS

10th Annual Sons of The American Legion Convention

(Executive Committee)
Aug. 30, 1:00 p.m., Registration

Registration area

Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel

Aug. 30, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Empire I, 2nd Floor, Ocean Tower

Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel

10th Annual Sons of The American Legion Convention

(General Sessions)

Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Long House, Adjacent to Main Lobby

Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel

MEETINGS OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

The following Convention Committees will be composed of one delegate from each department. Initial meetings of Convention Committees will be at the time and place as shown below. Subsequent meetings will be at the call of the chairman.

(All Committee and Subcommittee meetings will be held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel unless otherwise indicated.)
(Meetings of Convention Committees normally will be closed to all except committee members.)

Americanism

Aug. 30, 9:00 a.m.

Coral Ballroom II

Mid-Pacific Conference Center

(Baseball and Recreation Subcommittee)

Aug. 30, 9:30 a.m.

Tapestry Lounge (Outside Coral Ballroom)

Mid-Pacific Conference Center

(Education and Scholarship Subcommittee)

Aug. 30, 9:30 a.m.

Tapestry Lounge (Outside Coral Ballroom)

Mid-Pacific Conference Center

(Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee)

Aug. 30, 9:30 a.m.

Tapestry Lounge (Outside Coral Ballroom)

Mid-Pacific Conference Center

(Counter-Subversive Activities Subcommittee)

Aug. 30, 9:30 a.m.

Tapestry Lounge (Outside Coral Ballroom)

Mid-Pacific Conference Center

(Youth Activities Subcommittee)

August 30, 9:30 a.m.

Coral Ballroom II

Mid-Pacific Conference Center

Children & Youth

Aug. 30, 9:00 a.m.

Coral Ballroom I

Mid-Pacific Conference Center

Constitutional Amendments

Aug. 30, 9:00 a.m.

Gold Room II, 2nd Floor, Ocean Tower

Credentials and Internal Affairs

Section I & II

(Credentials and Other Internal Matters)

Aug. 30, 9:00 a.m.

Beach Club, 2nd Floor, Ocean Tower

(Membership), Section III

Aug. 30, 9:00 a.m.

Terrace Lanai, 2nd Floor, Ocean Tower

Economic

(Employment and Veterans Preference)

Aug. 30, 9:00 a.m.

Mynah Room

Mid-Pacific Conference Center

(Other Economic Matters)

Aug. 30, 9:00 a.m.

Nautilus Room

Mid-Pacific Conference Center

Finance

Aug. 30, 9:00 a.m.

Cathay Room (Off Main Lobby)

Foreign Relations

Aug. 30, 9:00 a.m.

New Zealand Room, 2nd Floor, Main Tower

Ilikai Hotel, 1771 Ala Moana

Four (4) Subcommittee Rooms

Molokai Room, Hilo Room, Kona Room and

Kailua Room

Ilikai Hotel, 1771 Ala Moana

Legislation and Rules

Aug. 30, 10:00 a.m.

Empire Room II, 2nd Floor, Ocean Tower

National Security Committee Joint Meeting

(Aerospace, Defense Civil Preparedness,

Merchant Marine, Military Affairs, Naval Affairs,

Law and Order)

Aug. 30, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Pacific Ballroom, Lobby Level

Ilikai Hotel, 1771 Ala Moana

(Aerospace)

Aug. 30, 10:00 a.m.

Sidney Room, Lobby Level, Main Tower

Ilikai Hotel, 1771 Ala Moana

(Defense Civil Preparedness)

Aug. 30, 10:00 a.m.

Melbourne Room, Lobby Level, Main Tower

Ilikai Hotel, 1771 Ala Moana

(Merchant Marine)

Aug. 30, 10:00 a.m.

Waikiki Suite, 2nd Floor, Main Tower

Ilikai Hotel, 1771 Ala Moana

(Military Affairs)

Aug. 30, 10:00 a.m.

Pacific Ballroom, Lobby Level, Main Tower

Ilikai Hotel, 1771 Ala Moana

(Naval Affairs)

Aug. 30, 10:00 a.m.

Hana Suite, 2nd Floor, Main Tower

Ilikai Hotel, 1771 Ala Moana

(Law and Order)

Aug. 30, 10:00 a.m.

Kauai Room, 2nd Floor, Main Tower

Ilikai Hotel, 1771 Ala Moana

National Security Committees Joint Meeting

Sept. 1, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Pacific Ballroom, Lobby Level

Ilikai Hotel, 1771 Ala Moana

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

(Claims and Rating)

(Hospitals and Medical Services) Aug. 30, 9:00 a.m.

Aug. 30, 9:00 a.m. Coral Ballroom IV

Sea Pearl Room

Mid-Pacific Conference Center

Mid-Pacific Conference Center

Congratulations to '81 "We Help America Work" Commanders

DISTRICT

These District Commanders qualified for '81 "We Help America Work" honors and a \$300.00 monetary award to help defray the cost of their trip to the 1981 National Convention. The top District Commander (the one whose District showed the highest percentage of Membership gain) in each of five categories automatically qualified as a winner. The other two winners in each category were drawn from a container holding the names of all District Commanders whose Districts surpassed their respective 1980 membership totals by May 1, 1981. Competition was divided into categories based on membership of the Districts in 1980.

CATEGORY I

J. Albert McNab, District 2, South Carolina Alvin Hansen, District 7,

Alvin Francisco
Utah
Marshall Helms, District 3,
North Carolina
CATEGORY II Eldred D. Edgar, District 17,

Missouri Laverne Martin, District 2,

Oregon Thomas E. Keith, District 12, Wisconsin

CATEGORY III

Robert Shackett, District 12, Florida Herbert Levesque, District 9,

Massachusetts Donald G. Wondra, District 4, Minnesota

CATEGORY IV

Ralph Sibbio, District 8, Florida Richard Paul, District 8, Nebraska Richard B. Shreve, District 17, Virginia

CATEGORY V Ernest Stark, District 10, Wisconsin Thomas McHale, District 10, Minnesota

Eugene J. Hemmelgarn, District 2,

POST

These Post Commanders qualified for the '81 "We Help America Work" award by leading their respective Posts to a membership, as of March 31, 1981, which was greater than any year's membership total since 1960. Their names were drawn to represent approximately 1,350 Post Commanders who recorded this outstanding achievement. These Post Commanders received a \$300.00 monetary award to help defray the cost of their trip to the 1981 National Convention.

Loy Ledford, Post 743, California Edward Messer, Post 160, Colorado Edward L. Buckley, Post 2,

Delaware William H. Taylor, Post 135,

Florida Don Aldrich, Post 3, Idaho James Coats, Post 1979,

Illinois Virgil C. Wenger, Post 373, Kansas Stafford Keith, Post 120,

Maryland
David Sayyae, Post 409
Michigan
Richard L. Gilmore, Post 618,

Minnesota

Lugene M. Tice, Post 128,
Mississippi

Chester O. Griffitt, Post 478

Missouri

Richard Schwartz, Post 28, Montana

LeRoy Schnepp, Post 39, Nebraska Wilfred R. Betourne, Post 34, New Hampshire

James MacDonald, Post 133,

New Jersey
Elijah Dowen, Post 70,
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South Dakota Tom Lopez, Post 447,

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Virginia Wally Tessier, Post 162, Washington

Edward F. Price, Post 40, West Virginia

Carl Huenink, Post 412, Wisconsin

DEPARTMENT

Department Commanders who qualified for '81 "We Help America Work" honors are identified among those whose Department achieved 100 points or better and are pictured elsewhere in this National Convention Program.

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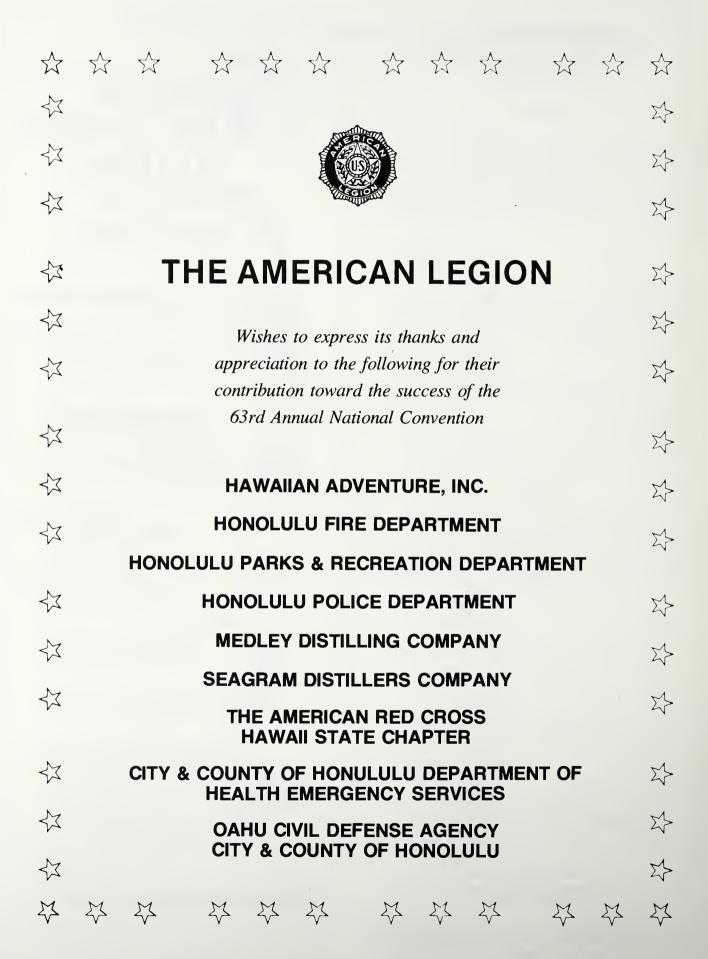


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Mr. and Mrs. Hawaii have a car or two, send their kids off to school every morning—public, private or parochial. Mom and Dad work hard for a living.

It is expensive to live in Hawaii, so there are lots of working wives and mothers.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, soda pop, pop-corn, movies, TV, motorcycles, roller skates, bikes, and rock concerts excite Hawaii's youth. Beer, bridge, soap operas, the PTA, car pools, traffic jams, taxes and hypertension are common diversions for their parents.

Hawaii's people love politics, fresh air, Saturday night, girls in bikinis, Grandma, and a good T-bone steak; in spite of the fact that their ancestors came from China, Japan, Korea, The United States, The Azores Islands, Australia, The Philippines, Scotland, Germany, Russia, and Samoa.

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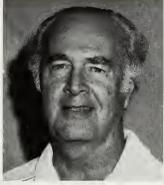
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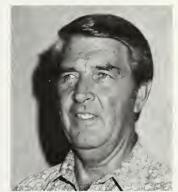
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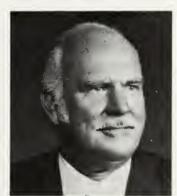
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PATRIOTIC RELIGIOUS SERVICE

CORAL BALLROOM III-HILTON HAWAIIAN VILLAGE Sunday, August 30, 1981-11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE — "God of our Fathers"

PROCESSIONAL (audience standing)

ADVANCEMENT OF COLORS

(audience standing)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(audience standing)

INVOCATION (audience standing)

MRS. BETTE SANDERS, Department Chaplain American Legion Auxiliary, Hawaii

CALL TO WORSHIP (audience standing)

REV. MSGR. GEORGE F. ROSSBACH Memorial Service Chairman The American Legion

MUSICAL SELECTION — "Deep are the Roots"

St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church Choir

READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Psalm 23 by RABBI JULIUS J. NODEL, Rabbi Emeritus Past Department Chaplain, Department of Oregon — The American Legion

John 5:24-30 by Rev. Jerome D. Fortenberry, C.M. *Past National Chaplain*, The American Legion

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 by Rev. Clarence Duff Commander, Post 22, Wahiawa, HI, The American Legion

2 Corinthians 5: 1, 6-10 by Rev. George S. Macres *National Chaplain*, The American Legion

HYMN (audience standing)

"Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"

MEMORIAL PRAYER

MRS. NORMAN GILBERT, National Chaplain American Legion Auxiliary

MUSICAL SELECTION — "Holy God We Praise Thy Name" Choir

MEMORIAL MESSAGE

REV. GEORGE S. MACRES, *National Chaplain*The American Legion

HYMN (audience standing)

"America"

PLACING OF MEMORIAL WREATHS (audience standing)

MICHAEL J. KOGUTEK, National Commander
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TAPS (audience standing)

BENEDICTION (audience standing)

FATHER GARY GUMMERSHEIMER, Chaplain Sons of The American Legion

RETIRE THE COLORS (audience standing)

RECESSIONAL (audience standing)

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WAIKIKI

We are not talking about Waikiki Beach. It's a nice beach, but right now, that's not what we are talking about. We are talking about everything behind the beach.

It used to be a narrow strip of sand and coconut trees between the ocean and a bunch of muddy-bottomed duck ponds. Rich people during the last part of the 19th century used to have beach houses on the beach. People like kings, princesses, and business barons.

A few years after the turn of the century, somebody with foresight built the Moana Hotel on the beach. It is still there, and some folks won't stay anywhere else when they come to Hawaii. Nostalgia is what they like, and Nostalgia is what they get at the Moana.

Waikiki's big boom came after World War II, and especially with Statehood. Everybody wanted to sink a few million dollars into a hotel. Lots of them did.

Waikiki is bordered by the Beach, Kapiolani Park, and the Ala Wai. The Ala Wai is the drainage canal which was built to turn those duck ponds into some of the most expensive real estate in the world.

There are zillions of high-rise structures, alive with every kind of entertainment that imagination can invent to amuse the malihini visitor. Things to eat, things to look at, things to lust after, things to listen to, things to send home to Aunt Agnes, things to put on your head, things to take pictures of, things so cheap you wouldn't even think of buying them, and things that are so expensive, you couldn't buy them if you wanted to.

Waikiki is geared up to have fun in. For years, Waikiki businessmen have been figuring out what people want to be able to do at Waikiki, and giving it to them. They haven't missed much.

The residents of Honolulu, who live in the hills and valleys and carry on ordinary lives, are as awed by Waikiki as visitors from the Mainland. Waikiki is as foreign to Mrs. Smith from Manoa Valley as it is for Mrs. Smith from Atlanta. The only difference is that Mrs. Smith from Manoa knows that Waikiki is not typical Hawaii. It is a big, brassy, good-natured, loud, yummy, crowded, beautiful, sparkling place to have fun.

And Hawaii's residents go there for laughs and soft lights just like Mainlanders.

But Waikiki ain't Hawaii . . . not by a long shot.

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OFFICIAL PROGRAM

Sixty-Third Annual National Convention of The American Legion



The above photograph is from a session of the 1973 National Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, which will be the site of the 63rd Annual National Convention, August 28-September 3, 1981.

STANDING RULES OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

The following are the Standing Rules of the National Convention as contained in the "UNIFORM CODE OF PROCEDURE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF NATIONAL CONVENTIONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION," authorized under Article V, Section 6, of the National Constitution of The American Legion.

STANDING RULES OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

- 1. Robert's Revised Rules of Order shall be the authority on parliamentary procedure, with the following modifications:
- 2. A delegate desiring to make a motion or address the Convention, shall rise, address the Chair as "Mr. Commander" and state his name and the name of the Department before proceeding.
- 3. Debate shall be limited to five minutes for each speaker.
- Debate on any one subject presented to the Convention shall be limited to two hours except under such special rule as the Convention shall adopt prior to debate.
- 5. But two delegates from any one delegation shall be permitted the floor on any one question. Where disagreement exists within a delegation one delegate shall be permitted to speak on each side of the question. Upon a division of the question, however, this rule shall be applied separately for each division.
- 6. The floor shall be permitted but once to any individual delegate on any one question, except by a two-thirds vote of the Convention. Chairmen of Convention Committees may speak as frequently as may be necessary in connection with the reports of their committees. The Presiding Officer shall not entertain any motion which will curtail further debate without affording the Committee Chairman an opportunity for rebuttal.
- 7. Decisions on Rules of Debate or parliamentary order by the Presiding Officer may be subject to appeal by any two delegates under a Point of Order. Such appeal shall take precedence over any pending questions and shall be decided forthwith. An appeal from the decision of the Chair shall be put to the Convention on the question: "Shall the Chair be sustained?"
- 8. When the poll of any Department Delegation is demanded by a delegate of such department, the Convention Secretary shall poll the vote without discussion of the question being voted upon.
- 9. On the Roll Calls, the delegation Chairman shall poll his delegation on the floor and announce its vote.

- 10. In the event a delegation secretary is not an accredited delegate or alternate, he shall be seated with his delegation.
- 11. Past National Commanders' votes shall be cast with their delegations.
- 12. Only accredited delegates or their alternates, shall participate, directly or indirectly, in a viva voce vote on any subject before the convention.
- 13. Department delegations may arrive at a vote in such manner as they choose, but shall announce it in terms of full units and not in terms of a fractional part of a vote. The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the delegates present from his Department.
- 14. There shall be no unit rule of voting.
- 15. Voting shall be by acclamation, except when a Roll Call is demanded by the Chairman of at least three Departments. Election of National Officers shall be by roll call.
- 16. In the event a Department has not provided the method by which alternates shall be designated to serve in the place of absent delegates, the Chairman of the delegation shall make such designation.
- 17. Prior to the election of National Officers, the National Commander shall appoint, subject to approval of the Convention, a Judge of Election and such number of tellers as he deems necessary, provided that the total tellers so appointed shall be an odd number. In a contested election each candidate going to the ballot shall be entitled to one teller of his choice.
- 18. Nominations for National Officers shall be from the floor on Roll Call of the Departments alphabetically arranged. Each Department may present as many candidates as it chooses.
- 19. Nominating speeches for National Officers shall be limited to five minutes each. Not more than two seconding speeches shall be made for any candidate, and said speeches shall be limited to three minutes.

- 20. When more than two candidates are nominated for any office, balloting shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes of the Convention, except in the election of National Vice-Commanders.
- 21. In a contested election for National Vice Commanders, balloting shall continue until (a) majorities and (b) pluralities are established for one or more candidates under the following provisions:

If, on any ballot taken, less than five candidates receive the necessary majority to elect, the candidate or candidates receiving a majority vote shall be declared elected and a new ballot shall be taken for the remaining number of places to be filled. The candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on the preceding ballot shall be disqualified; except should two candidates remain to fill one place, a new ballot shall be taken.

- 22. The Convention will nominate and elect a National Commander, and five National Vice Commanders, in this sequence.
- 23. At the conclusion of balloting on National Vice Commanders, each Department Delegation Chairman shall deliver a written ballot to the tellers. Such ballots shall be in the hands of the tellers before communication is made to the National Commander for announcement of the results.
- 24. Those recognized by the National Commander shall be entitled to a respectful hearing, and the Chair shall have the authority to clear the gallery or the floor or have the Sergeant-at-Arms escort from the Convention any one creating a disturbance or interfering with orderly procedure.
- 25. None of the above rules shall be construed as preventing an alternate delegate from serving on a Convention committee.
- 26. The consent of two-thirds of the voting strength of the Convention is necessary for suspension of the standing rules of the Convention.
- 27. Any amendment to any resolution or report originating on the floor shall be presented in writing and

- transmitted to the Presiding Officer at the time of the introduction of such amendment.
- 28. Special rules applying to specific issues or order of business, shall be written and presented to the Convention by the Legislation and Rules Committee for adoption by majority vote at least one hour before such issue, or order, is to be considered unless such rule is agreed to by unanimous consent of the final session.

Special rules shall prevail only in the Convention adopting them.

Any delegate may apply for a special rule to the Legislation and Rules Committee or may appeal to the Convention for such special rule provided the rule be presented in writing, be read once from the platform, and shall lay upon the table at least one hour before the vote thereon is taken.

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AGENDA 63RD ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION THE AMERICAN LEGION HONOLULU, HAWAII

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1981

8:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

"AMERICA MY HOMELAND"

Paul Wendel

John Philip Sousa Post No. 1112

New York, New York

9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Michael J. Kogutek (New York)

National Commander

ADVANCEMENT OF COLORS

Double D's Color Guard

American Legion Post 180

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Paul Wendel

John Philip Sousa Post No. 1112

New York, New York

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION AND LIGHTING OF PEACE CANDLE

Rev. George S. Macres (Minnesota)

National Chaplain

PREAMBLE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION

CONSTITUTION

Michael J. Kogutek (New York)

National Commander

CALL FOR CONVENTION

Robert W. Spanogle (Michigan)

National Adjutant

9:15 a.m.

WELCOME

The Honorable George Ariyosi

Governor of Hawaii

The Honorable Eileen R. Anderson

Mayor of Honolulu

O. T. "Tom" Shonk, Jr., 1980-81 Department Commander

The American Legion of Hawaii

Francis K. Tom, President

The American Legion 1981 National Convention

Corporation of Hawaii

RESPONSE TO ADDRESSES OF WELCOME

Michael J. Kogutek (New York)

National Commander

9:35 a.m.

GREETINGS

The Honorable Robert P. Nimmo, *Administrator* Veterans Administration

10:05 a.m.

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S REPORT

Michael J. Kogutek (New York)

National Commander

10:25 a.m.

ADDRESS

Honorable Donald J. Devine, Director

Office of Personnel Management

Washington, D. C.

10:40 a.m.

GREETINGS

George W. Bentley, National President

The Society of American Legion Founders

Al Harvey, Dominion President

The Royal Canadian Legion

Stan E. Stillwell, President

Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada

11:00 a.m.

PRESENTATION of Medallion to the City of Boston, Massachusetts - Host City for the 1980 National Convention

By: Frank I. Hamilton (Indiana)

Past National Commander

To: The Honorable Kevin H. White

Mayor of Boston

11:05 a.m.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

By: Michael J. Kogutek (New York)

National Commander

To: Rev. George S. Macres (Minnesota)

National Chaplain

11:10 a.m.

GREETINGS

General Cheng Wei Yuan, Chairman

Vocational Assistance Commission for Retired Servicemen

Republic of China

Vice Admiral Maeng Kee Lee, ROKN, President

The Korean Veterans Association

PRESENTATION of National Security Medal of the

Government of the Republic of Korea

By: Vice-Admiral Maeng Kee Lee, ROKN, President

The Korean Veterans Association

To: David Haettich (New York)

11:30 a.m.

Report of CREDENTIALS AND INTERNAL

AFFAIRS—Section 1

11:40 a.m.

INTRODUCTION

Mrs. Lyle Seymour (Kansas)

National President

American Legion Auxiliary

11:50 a.m.

Report of LEGISLATION AND RULES

12:00 noon

Report of CREDENTIALS AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS—Membership Recognition of "WE HELP AMERICA WORK COMMANDERS"

12:15 p.m.

Report of CREDENTIALS AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS—Section 2

12:35 p.m.

Report of CHILDREN & YOUTH

12:50 p.m.

ADDRESS
SALUTE TO COLORS
RECESS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1981

9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER
Michael J. Kogutek (New York)

National Commander

SALUTE TO COLORS

INVOCATION

Rev. George S. Macres (Minnesota) *National Chaplain*

9:05 a.m.

Report of AMERICANISM

9:30 a.m.

ADDRESS

The Honorable G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery (Mississippi) Chairman, House Committee on Veterans Affairs

9:50 a.m.

PRESENTATION—Representatives of The American Legion Youth Programs

American Legion Scout of the Year Bernard M. Gouaux, Lockport, Louisiana

1981 National Oratorical Contest Co-Winners -Marlene Van Dyk, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dean F. Clancy, Denver, Colorado

1980 American Legion Baseball Player of the Year—Tomas R. Gil, Hialeah, Florida

1981 Boys Nation *President* William H. Jackson, Olathe, Kansas

1981 Girls Nation *President*Mary K. Wales, Kent, Washington

10:10 a.m.

ADDRESS

Mrs. Elizabeth Dole

Assistant to the President for Public Liaison

Washington, D. C.

10:25 a.m.

PRESENTATION—William Randolph Hearst Americanism Trophy

By Bruce E. Penny, Seattle Post-Intelligencer

To: Winning Department

10:30 a.m.

ADDRESS

Donald L. Bower Vice Chairman of the Board

Standard Oil Company of California

10:45 a.m.

ADDRESS

Captain Gerald L. Coffee, USN (Former POW)

11:25 a.m.

INTRODUCTION—Sons of The American Legion Newly elected National Commander

11:30 a.m.

ADDRESS

Admiral Robert L. Long, USN Commander-in-Chief, Pacific

11:50 a.m.

PRESENTATION—Employer of the Year Awards for Hiring Veterans

By: Michael J. Kogutek (NewYork)

National Commander

To: W. C. Hagan, Jr., *President*Hayes International Corporation, Birmingham, Alabama

To: Donald J. Mauro, *General Manager*National - Standard, Perforated Metals Division
Carbondale, Pennsylvania

12:00 noon

Report of FINANCE

12:20 p.m.

Report of VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION Claims and Ratings Hospital and Medical Services

1:20 p.m.

Report of ECONOMIC

Employment and Veterans Preference Other Economic Matters

1:45 p.m.

Report of FOREIGN RELATIONS

2:20 p.m.

Report of CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

RECESS

NOTE: Times of subsequent sessions and time of Convention Committee Reports are subject to change by the Chair.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1981

9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Michael J. Kogutek (New York)

National Commander

SALUTE TO COLORS

INVOCATION

Rev. George S. Macres (Minnesota) National Chaplain

9:05 a.m.

SEAGRAM POSTS' AWARDS DRAWING

9:10 a.m.

Report of NATIONAL SECURITY

Aerospace

Defense Civil Preparedness

Law and Order

Merchant Marine

Military Affairs

Naval Affairs

10:00 a.m.

PRESENTATION

The American Legion Fourth Estate Award

By: Michael J. Kogutek (New York)

National Commander

To: N. LaVerl Christensen, *Editor Emeritus*Daily Herald, Provo, Utah

To: American Broadcasting Company

10:30 a.m.

PRESENTATION

The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal

By: Michael J. Kogutek (New York)

National Commander

To: The Crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia Astronaut John W. Young Astronaut Robert L. Crippen Receiving: Astronaut Karol J. Bobko

11:00 a.m.

ADDRESS

The Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger Secretary of Defense

11:30 a.m.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE AND COLORS TO OUTGOING

NATIONAL COMMANDER

By: Martin B. McKneally (New York)

Past National Commander

12:00 noon

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

National Commander

ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE

NATIONAL COMMANDER

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY NEWLY ELECTED

NATIONAL COMMANDER

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

Five (5) National Vice Commanders

1:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS TO NEWLY ELECTED

NATIONAL COMMANDER

RESPONSE BY NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL

COMMANDER

PRESENTATION OF NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL

PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BENEDICTION

RETIREMENT OF COLORS

FINAL ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: The National Executive Committee will meet within twenty-four hours after the close of the Convention - upon the call of the National Commander.

Distinguished Guests

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Lt. Col. Leo Andrew, USA
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of the United States

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> Karol J. Bobko Astronaut

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Provo, Utah

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U. S. Department of Labor Honolulu, Hawaii

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> Tomas R. Gil 1980 American Legion Baseball Player of the Year

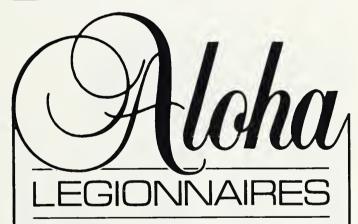
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U. S. Department of Labor (DC)

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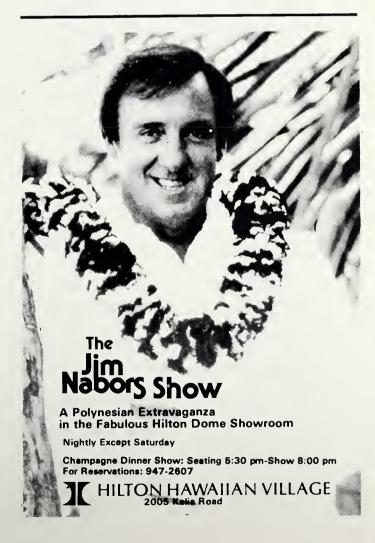
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General Cheng Wei Yuan, Chairman Vocational Assistance Commission for Retired Servicemen Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China

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Past National Commanders



The American Legion 1919-1980

* Franklin D'Olier Pennsylvania 1919-20

** Frederick W. Galbraith, Jr.
Ohio 1920-21

*** John G. Emery Michigan 1921

* Hanford MacNider lowa 1921-22

* Alvin M. Owsley Texas 1922-23

* John R. Quinn

*James A. Drain
District of Columbia 1924-25

* John R. McQuigg Ohio 1925-26

* Howard P. Savage Illinois 1926-27

*Edward E. Spafford New York 1927-28

* Paul V. McNutt

*O. Lee Bodenhamer Arkansas 1929-30

* Ralph T. O'Neil Kansas 1930-31

* Henry L. Stevens, Jr. North Carolina 1931-32

*Louis Johnson West Virginia 1932-33

*Edward A. Hayes
Illinois 1933-34

* Frank N. Belgrano, Jr. California 1934-35

> * Ray Murphy lowa 1935-36

* Harry W. Colmery Kansas 1936-37

* Daniel J. Doherty Massachusetts 1937-38

* Stephen F. Chadwick Washington 1938-39

* Raymond J. Kelly Michigan 1939-40 *Milo J. Warner Ohio 1940-41

*Lynn U. Stambaugh North Dakota 1941-42

> * Roane Waring Tennessee 1942-43

* Warren H. Atherton California 1943-44

* Edward N. Scheiberling New York 1944-45

> * John Stelle Illinois 1945-46

* Paul H. Griffith Pennsylvania 1946-47

James F. O'Neil New Hampshire 1947-48

> Perry Brown Texas 1948-49

George N. Craig Indiana 1949-50

Erle Cocke, Jr. Georgia 1950-51

Donald R. Wilson West Virginia 1951-52

*Lewis K. Gough California 1952-53

* Arthur J. Connell Connecticut 1953-54

* Seaborn P. Collins New Mexico 1954-55

J. Addington Wagner Michigan 1955-56

> Dan Daniel Virginia 1956-57

John S. Gleason, Jr.

Preston J. Moore
Oklahoma 1958-59

Martin B. McKneally New York 1959-60

William R. Burke California 1960-61

Charles L. Bacon Missouri 1961-62 *James E. Powers Georgia 1962-63

Daniel F. Foley Minnesota 1963-64

Donald E. Johnson

L. Eldon James Virginia 1965-66

John E. Davis

William E. Galbraith Nebraska 1967-68

> William C. Doyle New Jersey 1968-69

J. Milton Patrick Oklahoma 1969-70

Alfred P. Chamie California 1970-71

John H. Geiger

Joe L. Matthews Texas 1972-73

Robert E. L. Eaton Maryland 1973-74

James M. Wagonseller Ohio 1974-75

> Harry G. Wiles Kansas 1975-76

William J. Rogers Maine 1976-77

Robert Charles Smith Louisiana 1977-78

> John M. Carey Michigan 1978-79

Frank I. Hamilton

PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS BY VOTE OF NATIONAL CONVENTION

* Bennett Champ Clark Missouri—Presided at Paris caucus March, 1919

* Milton J. Foreman
Illinois — Chairman, Executive
Committee at Paris

* Henry D. Lindsley Texas — Presided at St. Louis caucus May 1919

*Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.
New York

* Eric Fisher Wood Pennsylvania — Temporary Chairman and Secretary at Paris caucus

*Thomas W. Miller Nevada — Chairman Pro Tempore Paris Caucus March 1919

> * Maurice Stember New York

Hamilton Fish, Sr.

HONORARY NATIONAL COMMANDERS

*General John J. Pershing

* Marshal Ferdinand Foch

* Deceased

** Killed in auto accident while serving as Commander

*** Elected by Executive Committee to fill unexpired term.

Recipients of The American Legion

Distinguished Service Medal

American Space Shuttle Astronauts
John Young and Robert Crippen

Marshal Ferdinand Foch of France — 1921

Adm. Earl Beatty of Great Britain — 1921

Gen. Baron Jacques of Belgium — 1921

Gen. Armando Diaz of Italy — 1921

Charles Bertrand of France — 1921

Gen. of the Armies John J. Pershing 1922

Adm. Robert E. Coontz 1923

> Gen. Josef Haller of Poland — 1923

Ignace Jan Paderewski of Poland — 1926

Comte

Francois Marie Robert Dejean of France — 1927

Field Marshal Viscount Allenby of Great Britain — 1928

Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis

Adm. William S. Sims

Gen. Douglas MacArthur

Gen. George C. Marshall

Adm. Ernest J. King

Hon. Frank Knox (Posthumously) — 1944

Henry Ford

Gen. H. H. Arnold 1944

President Franklin D. Roosevelt (Posthumously) — 1945

Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. (Posthumously) — 1945

> Ernest (Ernie) Pyle (Posthumously) — 1945

Hon. Henry L. Stimson

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz 1945

> Gen. of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower 1945

J. Edgar Hoover

Bob Hope 1946

William Randolph Hearst 1946

Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey

Hon. Cordell Hull 1946

Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen 1947

> Sen. Edward Martin 1947

Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson 1947

President Harry S. Truman 1949

George Herman (Babe) Ruth (Posthumously) — 1949

> Maj. Gen. Frank Parker (Posthumously) — 1949

Charles F. Johnson, Jr.

Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord 1950

Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers

Gen. Charles P. Summerall

Rep. Royal C. Johnson (Posthumously) — 1953

Maj. Gen. George A. White (Posthumously) — 1954

Dr. Jonas E. Salk

Maj. Gen. Ellard A. Walsh

Vice Adm. Joel T. Boone

Charles Stewart Mott

Gen. Mark W. Clark 1957

The Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen

Bernard Mannes Baruch 1958

Unknown Servicemen of World War I, World War II, and Korea,

interred at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery — 1958





Sen. Robert S. Kerr

President John F. Kennedy 1961

> Gen. Lucius D. Clay 1962

Dr. Thomas A. Dooley (Posthumously) — 1962

Francis Cardinal Spellman 1963

Dr. Charles W. Mayo

President Herbert C. Hoover (Posthumously) — 1965

Hon. James F. Byrnes

Capt. Roger H. C, Donlon 1966

Hon. Tom C. Clark

President Lyndon B. Johnson 1968

Gen. William C. Westmoreland

President Richard M. Nixon

Rep. Olin E. Teague 1970

Rep. L. Mendel Rivers (Posthumously) — 1971

Sen. Richard B. Russell (Posthumously) — 1971

Sen. John C. Stennis

Dewitt Wallace 1972

Hon. Henry A. Kissinger 1974

Rep. F. Edward Hebert

Harry W. Colmery 1975

> Pat O'Brien 1976

Howard A. Rusk, M.D.

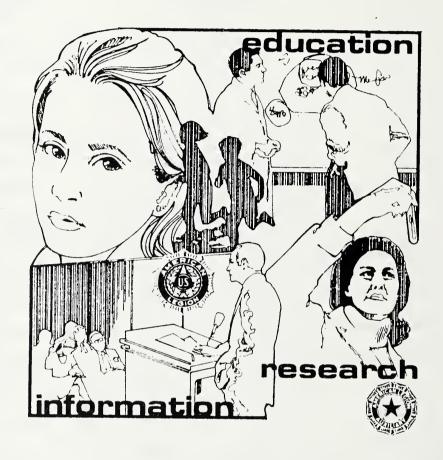
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Thomas A. Murphy

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Energy Expert Will Address Convention

Donald L. Bower, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, Standard Oil of California, will address the 63rd annual National Convention of The American Legion on the "Strategic Importance of Energy," Legion National Commander Michael J. Kogutek said today.

Mr. Bower, who is scheduled to address the delegates at approximately 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 2, is the reporting officer for Chevron, USA, Inc., Socal's domestic oil and gas subsidiary; the worldwide operations of Chevron Chemical Company; the corporation's exploration, production and oilfield land activities; Socal's personnel and labor relations; and the company's principal corporate officer for public affairs.

In 1977, The American Legion adopted an energy program designed to have an energy chairman for every post, district, county, and state organization of the Legion to initiate energy educational programs, forums, audits and workshops; pledged the Legion to initiate energy conservation programs within each department (state organization) and to help bring together all groups concerned with energy and the environment, not to debate but to seek mutually acceptable solutions to the nation's energy problems.

Mr. Bower's appearance will help bring the Legion up to date on its approach to the nation's energy problem, and to guide future planning in those areas where the Legion, as a service organization, may make its efforts more effective.

A native of Portland, Oregon, Mr. Bower is a graduate of

Oregon State University, and served as a Naval aviator during World War II. He began his career with Standard in 1947 and has served the company in positions of increasing responsibility ever since.

He is a director of the American Petroleum Institute, Crocker National Corporation, the Northern California Council of Invest in America, a trustee of the California Institute of Technology and of Oregon State University Foundation.



Donald L. Bower

A Veterans Affairs And Rehabilitation Service to Veterans

Insurance coverage for the nation's veterans and servicemen is provided through the Veterans Administration, which operates five life insurance programs. These five programs alone have in excess of 4 million policies in force with a face value of more than 30 billion dollars. In addition, the Veterans Administration supervises the operation of three other life insurance programs (Servicemen's Group Life, Veterans Group Life and Veterans Mortgage Life Insurance) that have more than 3½ million policyholders.

American Legion staff insurance representatives, who are members of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, with supporting clerical personnel, are assigned to the Veterans Administration Insurance Centers at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and St. Paul, Minnesota. The American Legion is the only veterans service organization that has personnel assigned to these Centers for the express purpose of handling matters concerning insurance policies and claims.

The Chief of Insurance Activities is located at the Philadelphia Center and supervises the staff of that office as well as the St. Paul office. Total staff personnel assigned to these two Centers number ten people. The responsibility of these Legion representatives is to represent the interests of veterans and their beneficiaries with respect to U.S. Government and government endorsed insurance programs.

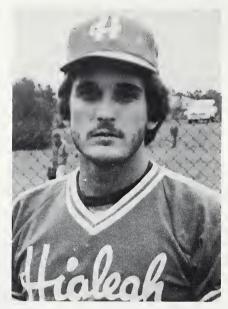
The consolidated work load for these offices reflects the extent of operation of The American Legion's service in the area of insurance matters. During the past year, for example, 1,987 claims were presented to the Veterans Administration for consideration; more than 6,000 cases were reviewed; and some 2,613 death claims processed. In addition, 2,790 premium accounts were reviewed; over 9,000 pieces of evidence and/or claims were filed; and a large volume of correspondence was handled. The staff also engaged in other diversified functions in the day-by-day activities covering the operation of this service.

Teamwork is a vital and necessary ingredient for the success of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission program. The insurance activities performed by the Commission staff is a significant part of this total program. With staff members located at these two Centers, assistance is rendered to, and representation provided for veterans and dependents in the eight insurance programs administered and supervised by the Veterans Administration.

Veterans and their dependents who desire Legion assistance in connection with insurance matters should contact a Post, County, or Department Service Officer. Through these channels, and with the cooperation of the insurance staff members, they can avail themselves of the assistance The American Legion provides.

Youth Leaders Attend Convention

BASEBALL



Tomas R. Gil Hialeah, Florida Player of the Year

SCOUTS



Bernard M. Gouaux Lockport, Louisiana Scout of the Year

ORATORICAL



Miss Marlene Van Dyk Grand Rapids, Michigan Co-Winner, National High School Oratorical Contest

ORATORICAL



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BOYS NATION



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- 4. Mail the application and remittance through your Department Headquarters or to:

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION 1981

Sheraton-Waikiki Hotel Honolulu, Hawaii

THEME: "SERVICE TO AMERICA"

Saturday, August 29, 1981

9 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

10 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

2 p.m.-5 p.m.

Group A — Waialua Room

Presiding — Mrs. Firman Henricks

Group B — Historical Room

Presiding — Mrs. W. L. Dunn

Group C — Kahuku Room

Presiding — Mrs. J. Irby Foster

Group D — Lanai Room

Presiding — Mrs. Leonard Hoff

Group E — Oahu Room

Presiding — Mrs. Kenneth Pugh

Group F — Niihau Room

Presiding — Mrs. Helen Adams

Group G — Waianae Room Presiding — Mrs. H. B. Behrend Pages Rehearsal, Hawaii Ballroom

Pre-Convention National Executive

Committee Meeting, Lanai Room

National Officer's Luncheon, Niihau Room

Pre-Convention Committee Meetings

Americanism

Foreign Relations

National Security

Women's Forum on National Security

Children and Youth

Liaison with Child Welfare

Foundation

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Cavalcade of Memories

Leadership Development

Music

Public Relations

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Past Presidents Parley

Poppy

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

Chaplains

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Energy

Historians

Constitution and Bylaws

Permanent Organization

Rules

Membership

Group H — Puna Room

Presiding — Mrs. John Meyer

Credentials

Group I — Honolulu Room

Presiding — Mrs. John R. Dokken

Resolutions

Group J — Ewa Room

Presiding - Mrs. Charles C. Shaw

Finance

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION 1981

Sheraton-Waikiki Hotel Honolulu, Hawaii Hawaii Ballroom Sunday, August 30, 1981

* * * * * * OPENING SESSION * * * * *

8:15 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROCESSIONAL

ORDER OF PROCESSIONAL

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National Convention Chairman

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Past National Presidents

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Mrs. Alvin Moltzen

Mrs. Earl B. Bigalow

Mrs. Bernard F. Kennedy

National Officers

National Colors

National President

PRESENTATION OF 1980-1981 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT Mrs. Clifford Lee

National Convention Chairman

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Lyle Seymour

National President

INVOCATION Mrs. Norman Gilbert
National Chaplain

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mrs. John W. Boam

National Americanism Chairman

NATIONAL ANTHEM Mrs. Frank Martin

National Music Chairman

PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION Mrs. Helen Adams

National Constitution and Bylaws Chairman

WELCOME Mrs. Lyle Seymour
National President

INTRODUCTIONS AND GREETINGS

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Mr. Frances Tom

1981 Convention

Corporation President

Mr. Robert Spanogle
National Adjutant

Mr. Frank Momsen
Past National Adjutant

THE STATE OF HAWAII

The Honorable George Ariyosi

Governor of Hawaii

THE CITY OF HONOLULU

The Honorable Eileen R. Anderson

Mayor of Honolulu

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Mrs. James Keanu, President

Department of Hawaii

Mrs. Clifford Lee

National Convention Chairman

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL OFFICERS

Mrs. John J. Roethel National Vice President

DIVISION NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS Mrs. 1

Mrs. Firman E. Henricks, Central Mrs. W. L. Dunn, Eastern Mrs. Leonard Hoff, Northwestern Mrs. J. Irby Foster, Southern Mrs. Kenneth R. Pugh, Western

Mrs. Norman Gilbert, National Chaplain Mrs. Frederic Hemphill, National Historian Mrs. Peggy Sappenfield, National Treasurer Mrs. Miriam Junge, National Secretary **GREETINGS FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICERS**

Mrs. John J. Roethel
National Vice President

GREETINGS FROM THE PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

Mrs. Bernard F. Kennedy Junior Past National President

GREETINGS FROM THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARIAN

Mrs. Walter Wild Andrews National Parliamentarian

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S PAGES

Mrs. Holland Brown, Chairman of Pages
Mrs. Beatrice Kahanu, Vice Chairman of Pages
Mrs. James Coles, Personal Page
Mrs. Rodney Schieffer, Personal Page
Mrs. Grant Lane, Personal Page
Mrs. Glenn Warren, Personal Page
Mrs. John W. Sumrall, Personal Page

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS

Mrs. John Meyer, Chairman

RULES

Mrs. Demi Shahan, Chairman

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

Mrs. John Fritts, Chairman

RECESS

PATRIOTIC MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel, Coral Ballroom III 11 a.m.

NATIONAL CONVENTION PARADE

2 p.m.

RECEPTION FOR CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

5 - 7 p.m. Diamond Head awn

RECEPTION FOR CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL OFFICES

(other than the National President) 5 - 7 p.m. Lanai Room

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 1981 DIVISIONAL CAUCUSES

7:30 - 8:45 a.m.

Central Division, Lanai Room

Eastern Division, Oahu/Waialua Room

Northwestern Division, Historical Room Southern Division, Honolulu/Kahuku Room

Western Division, Niihau Room

9 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Lyle Seymour
National President

INVOCATION

Mrs. Norman Gilbert National Chaplain

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Mr. Michael J. Kogutek National Commander The American Legion

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL OFFICERS

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"SERVICE TO VETERANS"

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

Poppy Legislative

Past Presidents Parley Auxiliary Emergency Fund Mrs. Walter Stolte, *Chairman*Mrs. William Calder, *Chairman*Mrs. Edward Yankovich, *Chairman*Mrs. Alvin Moltzen, *Chairman*Mrs. Peter Moskwa, *Chairman*

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Children and Youth

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FIRST READING OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

INTRODUCTION OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Mrs. Clifford Lee, National Convention Chairman

Monday Afternoon, August 31, 1981

1 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Lyle Seymour National Prsident

NOMINATIONS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS 1981 - 1982

"SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY"

Americanism

National Security

Women's Forum on National Security

Community Service

Energy

Membership

Mrs. John W. Boam, Chairman

Mrs. James E. Starr, Chairman

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"SERVICE TO PROMOTE THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY"

Leadership Development **Public Relations**

Constitution and Bylaws

Foreign Relations

Finance Music

Cavalcade of Memories

Mrs. Ted Galka, Chairman

Mrs. John Hobble, Chairman

Mrs. Helen Adams, Chairman Mrs. Robert Melgard, Chairman

Mrs. Charles C. Shaw, Chairman Mrs. Frank Martin, Chairman

Mrs. O. L. Koger, Chairman

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Recess

* * * * * STATES DINNER * * * * *

8 p.m.

Hawaii Ballroom

Tuesday, September 1, 1981

8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Lyle Seymour National President

INVOCATION

Mrs. Norman Gilbert

National Chaplain

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Mrs. Lyle Seymour National President

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS 1981 — 1982

"KAILUA SENIOR CITIZENS"

REPORT OF THE EIGHT ET FORTY

Mrs. Ronald Aichholz Le Chapeau National

GREETINGS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

ADDRESS "Faith . . . The Key to Survival"

Captain G. L. Coffee, USN Fleet Air Operations Officer Staff, Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet (N-3)

Recess 11:30 a.m.

2 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF "SERVICE TO AMERICA" AWARDS

Mrs. Lyle Seymour, National President

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. John R. Dokken, Chairman Mrs. Lewis Routon, Vice Chairman Mrs. Marguerite Rice, Secretary

Recess 3:45 p.m.

Wednesday, September 2, 1981

8:30 a.m.

INSTALLATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS 1981 - 1982

Mrs. Norton H. Pearl, *Past National President*Installing Officer

PRESENTATION OF COLORS TO RETIRING NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Mrs. Maurice Kubby, Past National President

PRESENTATION OF PIN AND RIBBON TO RETIRING NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Mrs. Maurice Kubby, Past National President

RETIREMENT OF NATIONAL COLORS

10:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE CONVENTION

Mrs. Lyle Seymour, Retiring National President

POST-CONVENTION NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

10:30 - 11:45 a.m. Lanai Room

POST-CONVENTION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

10:45 - 11:45 a.m. Molokai Room

NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEES

NATIONAL CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Gladys C. Lee

NATIONAL CONVENTION VICE CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Rosabella Kealoha

NATIONAL CONVENTION SECRETARY

Mrs. Kaaha O. Medeiros

COURTESIES

Mrs. Frances L. Ai, Chairman

Mrs. Eleanor A. Lai, Vice Chairman

DIVISIONAL CAUCUSES

Mrs. Eleanor Pakele, Chairman

Mrs. Hazel S. Beagle, Vice Chairman

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American Red Cross Hawaii State Chapter

FLOWERS & CORSAGES

Mrs. Rosabella Kealoha, Chairman Mrs. Betty Kapela, Vice Chairman



The Sheraton Waikiki Hotel will be the headquarters hotel for the 1981 American Legion Auxiliary convention in Honolulu, conducted simultaneously with the 1981 National Convention of The American Legion. The hotel, like the Legion's headquarters hotel, also is on Waikiki Beach.

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NATIONAL CAMPAIGN RECEPTION

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NATIONAL LUNCHEON

Mrs. Eileen N. Carter, *Chairman*Mrs. Amy Y. Farias, *Vice Chairman*

PAGES

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STAGE & DECORATIONS

Mrs. Germaine Keliikoa, *Chairman* Mrs. Laura M. Hashimoto, *Vice Chairman*

STATES DINNER DECORATIONS

Mrs. Elizabeth J. Lee, *Chairman*Mrs. Kathleen T. Kau, *Vice Chairman*

OFFICE ASSIGNMENTS

National Secretary	Iao Needle/Akaka Falls Room
National Treasurer	
National Convention Chairman	Kohala/Kona Room
Public Relations	Koko Crater Room
First Aid	.Ladies Rest Room-2nd Floor Foyer
Lost & Found	Hilo Room
Mail Room	Hilo Room

Beaches—Safe and Sorry

Twinkling coral beaches, lapped by the warm waters of the Giant Pacific Ocean. Paradise, - right?

Right. Especially if you heed a little caution about those coral beaches and that Giant Pacific Ocean.

Most of the beaches that you will see when you are in Hawaii this summer are usually very safe places to swim and to play in the gentle surf... Waikiki, for instance.

However, there may be some adventurous ones among you who will go exploring on Oahu or one of the other Hawaiian Islands, and you will discover beaches of dramatic beauty, with robust great blue-green combers smashing ashore in the sunlight. You may be hypnotized by the beauty of it all and you may toss prudence to the winds and dive into that surf.

Don't . . . Please don't.

Those of us who live in Hawaii know that our Pacific Ocean can send ashore waves with deceptive "muscle" and the power to generate rip-tides which all snatch away careless swimmers to a tragic doom.

A complication in all this is that at some of these beaches you may find very big waves full of men and women . . . even children . . . who defy the towering curl of the ''shore-breaks'' and go back for more. It looks like fun. It IS fun for them, because they know what they are doing. Many of them may have had narrow escapes learning the art of body surfing. Believe me, it is these waves which are the most dangerous for you because you do not . . . believe me . . . you do NOT know how to stay alive in that kind of water.

A further complication is that some of these beaches are safe enough for toddlers some days and so fearsome on other days that champion surfers won't venture out into the waves. Waimea Beach, Makapuu, Makaha, Sandy Beach, and Sunset Beach on Oahu are some of the typical ones. Every one of these claims a victim or two almost every year . . . most of them newcomers to Hawaii.

Beaches like those are for sitting on and looking at . . . Do your swimming at Waikiki.

Oh sure . . . You can drown at Waikiki too, if you really try, but you wouldn't do a dumb thing like that, would you?

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Places of worship of other denominations are listed in Hotel Directories and in Honolulu's Yellow Pages

CHURCHES

BAPTIST

Waikiki Baptist Church 424 Kuamoo 955-3525

EPISCOPAL

Waikiki Episcopal Chapel Reef Towers Hotel 227 Lewers Street 923-3331

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church 1822 Keeaumoku Street 537-3321

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

First Church of Christ Scientist Honolulu 1508 Punahou Street 949-8403

JEWISH

Temple Emanu-El 2550 Pali Highway 595-7521

ROMAN CATHOLIC

St. Augustine's Catholic Church 2512 Kalakaua Avenue 923-7024 Saints Peter and Paul Church 800 Kaheka Street 941-0675

CHURCH OF THE LATER DAY SAINTS

1560 So. Beretania Street 949-4229

LUTHERAN

Prince of Peace 333 Lewers Street 923-6011

CONGREGATIONAL

Kawaiahao Church Punchbowl & King Streets 538-6267

METHODIST

First United Methodist Church 1020 So. Beretania Street 533-1774

UNITY CHURCH OF HAWAII

3608 Diamond Head Circle 735-4436





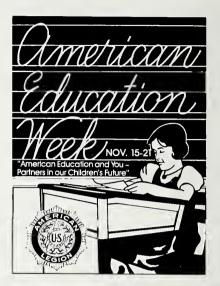
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During the summer and a good part of the winter, there is a high pressure area north of the Islands with the air going round and round in a clockwise direction. This circulation brings cool air from up north down to us out of the Northeast. It blows across all that ocean, gets all cleaned up, and then sweeps across our island state. In the summer time our temperatures are cooler than at least half of the United States. Our air is cleaner. Our skies are bluer. All because of Nature's giant air-conditioner spinning around up north over the ocean.

The sailors called these winds "trade" winds because they were so reliable that sailing vessels laden with cargo for distant ports could count on these winds to supply the energy to drive ships in the maritime trade.

Of course there are times when any air-conditioner breaks down. Our giant Pacific air-conditioner does too, sometimes. If a storm or other peculiarity of climate pulls a *low*-pressure system up north of us, it sucks hot air up from the tropics and blows it through Hawaii.

Everybody complains then. We call it *Kona* weather. "Kona" simply means "leeward" which is where the wind is coming from when it blows from the tropics. Kona weather can be hot and muggy or wet and stormy. Hawaiians don't like it any better than Visitors. We fret and fuss and blame all our problems on the weather. Then after a while the Kona winds blow away and we are happy again.

When you are in Hawaii for the next annual convention of The American Legion, we will try to have the Trade Winds blowing for you.

We'll take it up with the Weather Bureau right away. Of course! Isn't that what the Weather Bureau is for?



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READING OF CALL TO 1981 MARCHE NATIONALE

REPORT OF THE MINUTES COMMITTEE FOR THE 1980

MEET THE CANDIDATES RECEPTION
AREA ADJACENT TO PRINCESS ROOM — 10:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1981

DIVISIONAL CAUCUSES — 11:00 A.M. — Central Division, Eastern Division and Southern Division will meet in the PRINCESS ROOM in designated areas, and the Northwestern Division and Western Division will meet in an adjoining room.

SECOND SESSION OF LA MARCHE NATIONALE

Wednesday, September 2, 1981 — 1 p.m.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE
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To Le Chapeau National

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PIKAKE ROOM
Immediately following afternoon session

LA MARCHE NATIONALE BANQUET

Wednesday, September 2, 1981 7:00 P.M.

Princess RoomPrincess Kauilani PROCESSIONAL OF GUESTS **ENTERTAINMENT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 1981-1982** PRESENTATION OF LE CHAPEAU L'Aumonier National PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE . . Led by Mrs. Joseph Mardu, Chapeau National Passe La Concierge Nationale THE NATIONAL ANTHEMAssembly WELCOMEMrs. Betty Mark, Banquet Chairman L'Aumonier National RETIREMENT OF COLORS **ADJOURNMENT** Chapeau National

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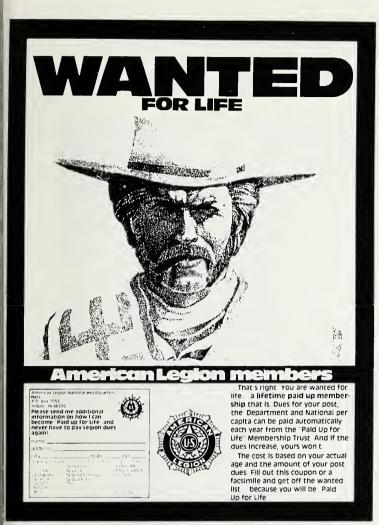
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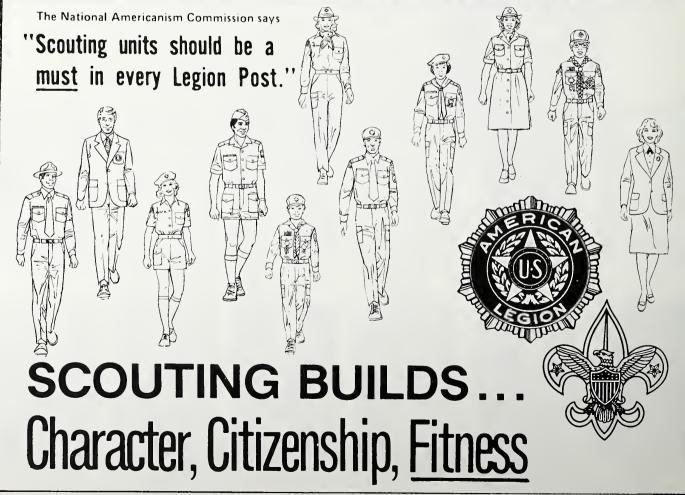


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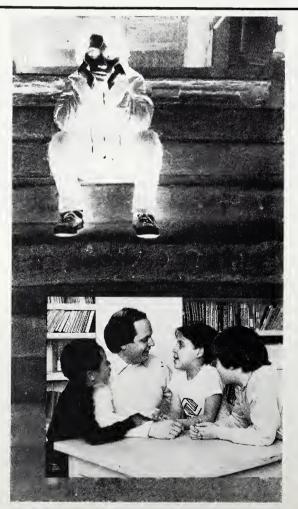


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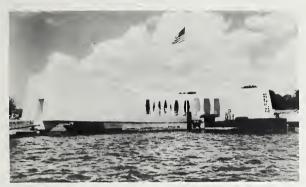
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ARIZONA MEMORIAL—A trip to the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor is a must for the Honolulu visitor. The U.S. Navy operates a launch service to the memorial.



IOLANI PALACE—One of Honolulu's historic sites, houses the only throne room under the American flag. Hawaiian Royalty once lived in the palace.



Swaying hips and lovely hula hands are basic to any dancer of the Hawaiian hula. This pretty Hawaiian girl dressed in a ti leaf skirt demonstrates the gracefulness of her art.



CITY OF REFUGE—Tikis shown here are at the City of Refuge, a revered site to Hawaiians. Located at the southern end of Kealakekua Bay on the Island of Hawaii, many students of Polynesian culture visit the area to study the heiau which once held the remains of Hawaiian kings.



KAMEHAMEHA STATUE—Hero of the Hawaiians, Kamehameha I, united the Islands into one kingdom and founded the dynasty that carried his name. On June 11, Kamehameha Day, Hawaiian societies drape thousands of flowers about the statue in the form of leis.



HONOLULU LANDMARK—The gleaming white marble "Garden of the Missing" at Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific is seen in the hollow of the crater.



THE CURVING WHITE Beach at Waikiki attracts thousands of visitors monthly. The strand, in Honolulu, stretches from the Ala Wai Boat Harbor to Diamond Head. Ft. DeRussy is located in the left of the picture and beautiful Kapiolani Park is on the right.

The American Legion Salutes Outstanding Students At Military Academies 1981



National Vice Commander Ralph M. Godwin of Mississippi presents The American Legion Award to Timothy S. MacGregor of Binghamton, New York, at the United States Naval Academy. The presentation took place on May 26, 1981.



The United States Coast Guard Academy had a tie between two of its recipients of The American Legion Award. National Vice Commander Matthew W. Jamieson is pictured presenting the award to Kurt J. Collella of Barrington, Rhode Island.



Cadet First Class (Senior) Daniel O. Wyman of Las Vegas, Nevada, of the United States Air Force Academy received The American Legion Award from National Vice Commander Keith H. Gwilliam of Utah.



The co-winner from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy was Timothy M. Henry of Indiana, Pennsylvania. National Vice Commander Matthew W. Jamieson of Michigan presented the award on behalf of The American Legion.



Cadet Mark T. Marino is the recipient of The American Legion Award at the United States Military Academy. National Vice Commander Dr. Almo J. Sebastianelli of Pennsylvania makes the presentation.

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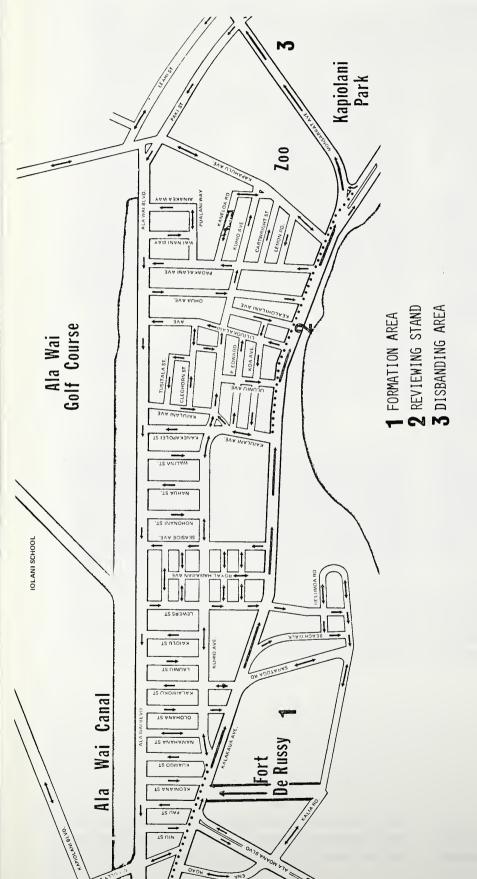


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Parade Information

The American Legion 63rd National Convention



DATE: Sunday, August 30, 1981

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

FORMATION AREA: See Attached Map

ROUTE: On Kalakaua Avenue, from Fort DeRussy east to Monsarrat Avenue (Kapiolani Park) the disbanding point.

DISBANDING AREA: On Monsarrat Avenue, near Band Shell, Kapiolani Park.

REVIEWING STAND: On south side (ocean) of Kalakaua Avenue at Kealohilani Avenue.

PARADE ORDER

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION PARADE

Sunday, August 30, 1981 2:00 p.m.

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PARADE ORDER

The official parade of the 63rd National Convention of The American Legion will be governed by instructions contained herein, together with the Organization and March Time Table and Assembly and Disbanding Area Map, which are made a part hereof.

- 1. **TIME:** (All times in these orders are Hawaii Standard Time.)
 - (a) The leading element of the parade will move from the "Initial Point" (corner of Kalakaua Avenue and Saratoga Road) promptly at 2:00 P.M., Sunday, August 30, 1981, regardless of weather.
 - The time and place of assembly for each Department or element of the parade will be shown in detail on the Organization and March Time Table, a copy of which has been sent to each Department Adjutant and to the Department Parade Chairman. A meeting of all Department Parade Chairmen will be held at 2:00 P.M., Saturday, August 29, 1981, in Coral Ballroom III of the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel.
 - A Parade Official will meet his assigned division at the assembly area following unloading. He will direct the buses toward the route to the disbanding area.
 - Because of the nature of the assembly area, accurate logistics are essential. PROMPTNESS IN ARRIVAL AT THE ASSEMBLY AREA IS MANDATORY.
- 2. ROUTE: On Kalakaua Avenue, east from Fort DeRussy to Monsarrat Avenue, (Kapiolani Park) the disbanding area.

- (a) Assembly area Fort DeRussy. (Refer to attached map)
- (b) Additional instructions for each Department will be furnished by the Parade Committee at the meeting of the Department Parade Chairmen on Saturday, August 29, at 2:00 P.M., in Coral Ballroom III of the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel.
- Signs carrying Division number will designate the head of each Division assembly point.
- (d) Float assembly area will be announced.

4. ORGANIZATION:

- (a) All elements have been assigned to Divisions, each under the direction of a parade official. The composition of these Divisions, order of March, and time and place of assembly is shown on the Organization and March Time Table and Assembly and Disbanding Area Map supplied to Department Parade Chairmen.
- (b) All Department of Defense Units will be governed by applicable regulations.
- (c) Each Department Commander or appointed parade representative will be responsible for the order of march and promptness of arrival at the assembly area of all units of his Department. All units will conform to the following distribution and formation:
 - (1) MASSED COLORS: Eight (8) abreast
 - All American Flags, the Department and Post Colors of each Department and the Department and Unit Colors of each Department of the Auxiliary, will be massed at the head of each Department Delegation in that order.
 - American Legion Units within Departments will march in formation eight (8) abreast, one and one-half yards between ranks.
 - (3) BAND AND DRUM CORPS: As directed by Drum Majors, but not to exceed eight (8) abreast.
 - Authorized floats and automobiles in single column. No unauthorized floats or automobiles will be allowed to participate. All vehicles participating in the parade must be equipped with identifying signs on sides thereof, and must also carry an "OFFICIAL CAR" sticker on the windshield.
 - (5) No maneuvers except for a forward movement THIS IS A MUST. All violators will be dismissed from the parade immediately.
- (d) DISTANCES:
 - (2) Between Departments
 20 yards

 (3) Between elements of a Department
 10 yards

DISBANDING AREA:

On Monsarrat Avenue (Kapiolani Park).

OFFICIAL REVIEWING STAND:

The official reviewing stand will be located on the south (makai) side of Kalakaua Avenue at Kealohilani Avenue. Elements will render a salute to the National Commander while passing the reviewing stand (eyes right). Warning signs at 500 and 300 feet will inform all units of the distance to the reviewing stand.

7. ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE AND CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS:

- (a) Pursuant to a resolution adopted at a meeting of the National Convention Commission at Miami Beach on March 12, 1960, there will be no participation of any vehicles, equipment or items of wearing apparel of the 40 et 8. This regulation will be enforced by the Parade Committee of the 1981 Convention Corporation.
- With the exception of police, military and naval escort and distinguished guests, eligibility to participate in the parade is limited to the members of the American Legion and the uniformed bodies of The American Legion and the uniformed bodies of The American Legion Auxiliary, subject to restriction of the following activities which shall be prohibited in the line of march:
 - (1) The drinking of or simulated drinking of intoxicants.
 - (2) Participants under the influence of intoxicants.
 - (3) Use of water pistols and electric shocking devices.
 - (4) Female impersonators.
 - (5) Firecrackers and any other explosives.
 - (6) Any presentation or representation either immoral or in bad taste.
 - (7) Distribution of souvenirs, promotional or advertising material, either from floats or by marching units. Violators of any of the above rules will be dismissed from the parade immediately.

8. FIRST AID STATIONS:

First Aid Stations will be established in the assembly area, at intervals along the line of march and the disbanding area.

MARCH ORDER **ESCORT DIVISION**

Assemble at 1:00 P.M. Departure at 2:00 P.M.

- A. ESCORT
- *B. JOINT SERVICE COLOR GUARD
- GRAND MARSHAL *C.
- *D. HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL
- *E. DEPUTY GRAND MARSHALS
- *F. DOD COORDINATOR

*Bus transportation for dignitaries will be provided and will depart from the Lobby entrance, Diamond Head Tower, Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel. This bus will depart at precisely 1:15 P.M., and will be taken by police escort to the proper parade assembly area.

- G. UNITED STATES ARMY
- H. UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
- UNITED STATES NAVY
- UNITED STATES AIR FORCE J.
- UNITED STATES COAST GUARD K
- NATIONAL GUARD

I DIVISION

Assemble at 1:00 P.M.

- KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOL BAND
- National Colors and 1980 National Championship Color Guard
- 3. National Commander, The American Legion
- National President, The American Legion Auxiliary
- *5. National Officers
- *6. Past National Commanders
- *7. Society of The American Legion Founders
- *8. The American Legion Youth Awards Winners
- Sons of The American Legion
- 10. PUNAHOU SCHOOL BAND
- The American National Red Cross 11.
- Seagram Posts

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13. Foreign and Outlying Departments

France

Canada

Panama

Mexico WAIALUA HIGH & INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BAND

Philippines Italy

14. Alaska

II DIVISION

Assemble at 1:00 P.M.

- 15. Florida
- 16. Virginia
- 17. KAILUA HIGH SCHOOL BAND
- 18. Maryland
- 19 Maine
- 20. Arizona
- 21. New Mexico
- 22. Minnesota

III DIVISION

Assemble at 2:00 P.M.

- 23. Ohio
- 24. Wyoming25. MILILANI HIGH SCHOOL BAND
- 26. Vermont
- 27. Nebraska
- 28. South Carolina
- 29. Montana
- 30. New Hampshire
- 31. KAISER HIGH SCHOOL BAND
- 32. Puerto Rico

IV DIVISION

Assemble at 2:30 P.M.

- 33. Wisconsin
- 34. Oklahoma
- 35. KAIMUKI HIGH SCHOOL BAND
- 36. Indiana
- 37. Kansas
- 38. Texas
- 39. FARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND
- 40. Colorado
- 41. Missouri
- 42. Michigan

V DIVISION

Assemble at 3:00 P.M.

- 43. Washington
- 44. California
- 45. South Dakota
- 46. ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL BAND
- 47. West Virginia
- 48. Delaware
- 49. Louisiana
- 50. Nevada
- 51. Pennsylvania

VI DIVISION

Assemble at 3:30 P.M.

- 52. New Jersey
- 53. Arkansas
- 54. PEARL CITY HIGH SCHOOL BAND
- 55. Tennessee
- 56. lowa
- 57. Oregon
- 58. North Dakota
- 59. Kentucky
- 60. Mississippi

VII DIVISION

- Assemble at 4:00 P.M. 61. Rhode Island
- 62. North Carolina 63. New York
- 64. Connecticut
- 65. Utah
- 66. Massachusetts
- 67. Idaho

VIII DIVISION

Assemble at 4:30 P.M.

- 68. Georgia
- 69. Illinois
- ST. LOUIS HIGH SCHOOL BAND
- 71. Alabama
- 72. District of Columbia
- 73. CHINESE PHYSICAL
- **CULTURE ASSOCIATION**
- 74. Hawaii



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Hawaiian Weather

Hawaii is famous for a lot of things, and certainly her weather is one of these.

Of course the Convention of The American Legion will be in the hottest part of the year, but then, it always is, no matter where it's held, so you should have become used to that by now.

Strangely enough, although Hawaii is further south than any other state, it may very well be cooler here than it is back home.

When you get up in the morning, the temperature will probably be somewhere between 75 and 80 degrees. In the middle of a sunny day, it may get up into the mid-nineties.

However, you have to take into account the fact that the whole State of Hawaii is air-conditioned.

Honest!

When the trade winds are blowing, the air that moves through Hawaii has already been cooled by crossing two thousand miles of ocean. That's much the same as the way your air-conditioner works at home.

You'll love the trade winds. They cool you off on the beach or in your hotel room. They blow all the exhaust of the city away from the islands, and they make pretty white-caps on the blue Pacific Ocean.

You are going to have to get used to something else in Hawaii, thanks to those trade winds.

The sky is blue.

Not drab, hazy blue, but dark, crisp blue.

And you can see the horizon. There isn't enough haze to hide anything. You can see in a straight line, all the way to the edge of the world.

Airplane pilots tell us that sometimes when they are flying a few thousand feet above Honolulu, they can see the Island of Hawaii, 200 miles away.

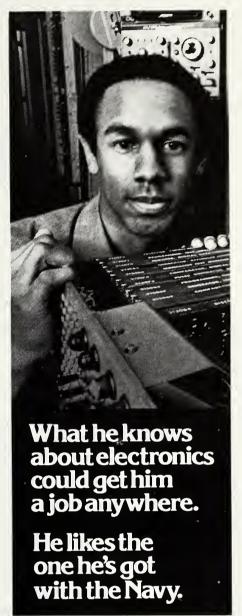
Of course, the State has its ''unusual'' weather too, once in a while. If something stops the trade winds, or if a low pressure area develops north of the Islands, we may get what is called ''Kona weather''. "Kona" is simply the Hawaiian word for ''leeward''. Leeward weather means that muggy, sometimes stormy air blows over Hawaii from the tropic zone south and to the leeward of Hawaii.

Nobody likes Kona weather.

But cheer up, we USUALLY have Kona weather in the winter months.

In August, when you'll be here, we have lots of visitors looking for sunshine, and the United States Weather Bureau courteously forbids the occurrence of Kona weather.

Usually . . .



To many people, the Navy may seem like a lot of ships and people in uniform, but today's Navy is much more. It's a skilled workforce of Navy-trained men and women working in highly technical fields.

Like electronics. From aviation electronics to interior communications, some of the best people in their fields are in the Navy. And that makes us proud.

They're Navy-trained career people. Men and women who not only believe in being the best at what they do, but believe it means a little bit more when it's done for their country.

Navy know-how.

It's working for America.



ANNUAL REPORT

COVERS PERIOD ENDING JUNE 1, 1981

The final pages of this official program of the 63rd Annual National Convention of The American Legion contain a condensed annual report for the American Legion 1980-81 year. A complete, detailed report has been prepared for submission to the Congress of the United States in accordance with requirements of the Legion's Congressionally-granted charter.

Believing that the delegates to the National Convention are entitled to receive a concise statement of the major activities of The American Legion year ending with this National Convention, your national headquarters provides this illustrated report as a part of the official program. In this manner, we are assured that every delegate and every one who registers for the convention will receive the condensed annual report.

AIRLINE RESERVATION AND RECONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Most Convention delegates and guests have traveled to Honoluiu through arrangements made by travel agencies. Many agencies have representatives readily available, as do the major airlines. Contact those agencies or airlines if you have travel problems The American Legion continues to prosper under the positive guidance of our dedicated and hard working National Commander, Michael J. Kogutek. The Commander has met challenges with sure handed diplomacy and conviction, and has worked unselfishly toward attaining the promises and goals of our time tested programs.



As this report is written, the nation is again probing its heritage through the process of debating a popular presidential program toward economic recovery. However, examination of the long view of that plan indicates that there exists a threat to the VA as an independent and successful agency of the government as opposed to merger with or subordination to an all-purpose national health delivery system.

The Commander has directed prime attention to recognition of Vietnam Veterans, pinpointing his concerns by the presentation of The American Legion Distinguished Service Award in memory of the dead and missing of the Vietnam War, and to raising substantial funds for construction of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

The strength of the organization has its roots in the post level, with emphasis on the formation of new posts to keep abreast with surging population. The Harris survey concludes that "Challenge and opportunity mark the years ahead for The American Legion." The challenge is to enroll enough new members to assure growth and long term strength, and the opportunity is that eligibles are aware and receptive. We need to sharpen our outreach effort by developing and implementing the best set of strategies to attract these eligibles.

The remaining pages of this book are a condensed, pictorial report of the highlights of Commander Kogutek's term of office and of The American Legion's year, which we recommend for your reading.

Frank C. Thomsen

FRANK C. MOMSEN

National Adjutant

THE AMERICAN LEGION 63RD ANNUAL REPORT

A full, detailed report has been submitted to the Congress of the United States in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 249, 77th Congress, approved September 18, 1941.

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R. M. Singletary, Jr. (South Carolina) National Sergeant-At-Arms

The American Legion will be convening in Honolulu this year for the second time, and it will mark only the third time in history for the nation's largest veterans' organization to hold its National Convention outside the continental limits of the United States.

Aside from the 1973 National Convention of the Legion in the beautiful 50th state, the only other time for its convention to be conducted outside the 48 contiguous states was in 1927, when the Legion took a "Sentimental Journey" back to the city of its origin—Paris, France.

It was in Paris, Feb. 15-17, 1919, that a group of veterans of the First American Expeditionary Force founded the Legion, and the organizational structure was completed at a second Founding Caucus in St. Louis, Mo., May 8-10, 1919.

A non-profit, partiotic service organization, the Legion draws its nearly 2,700,000 members from among veterans of honorable service of World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. The objective of the organization is serve to God and country as spelled out in the preamble to its constitution.

The National Headquarters of The American Legion is in Indianapolis, Indiana, which was selected by action of the First National Convention of the Legion in Minneapolis, Minn., in November, 1919. The organization also maintains a major national office in Washington, D.C.

Michael J. Kogutek of Lackawanna, N.Y. is the 1980-81 National Commander of the Legion. He was elected by action of the National Convention, as are five National Vice Commanders. Other National Officers are named by the National Commander with the approval of the National Executive Committee.

^{*}Mr. Momsen served as National Adjutant until June 30, 1981. On that date he retired and was succeeded by Robert W. Spangle.

The National Executive Committee

Between National Conventions, the administrative authority of The American Legion is exercised by the National Executive Committee composed of the National Commander, the five National Vice Commanders, National Chaplain, and one committeeman (plus alternate) elected by each department. Past National Commanders are life members of the NEC without vote. The NEC appoints the National Adjutant, Treasurer, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Historian and Sergeant-at-Arms. The NEC also has full and complete control over the annual budget.

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National Commander Kogutek Shows How



The American Legion's National Commander for 1980-81, Michael J. Kogutek of Lackawanna, N.Y., takes the oath of office administered by National Adjutant Bertram G. Davis on the platform of the 1980 Legion National Convention in Boston, Mass., August 21, 1980.



Other Legion leaders selected to serve with National Commander Kogutek for the period of his term of office are: (left to right) National Vice Commander Dr. Almo Sebastianelli of Jessup, Pennsylvania; Kogutek; National Vice Commanders Ralph M. Godwin of Jackson, Mississippi; Keith H. Gwilliam of Roy, Utah; Matthew W. Jamieson of Novi, Michigan and Robert W. Lowry of Cairo, Nebraska.



On December 1, 1980, National Commander Kogutek received the Bronze Medal of Honor, shown here being presented by Dr. Norman J. Klauder, chairman of the board of trustees of the Chapel of the Four Chaplains in Philadelphia, Pa. The Chapel is a permanent memorial to four military chaplains who gave their lives during the sinking of the U. S. troopship Dorchester during World War II, by giving their own life preservers to other soldiers, then going down with their ship. The chaplains represented the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths.



On courtesy call to then Secretary of State Edmund Muskie, American Legion National Commander Michael J. Kogutek presents copies of those Legion convention resolutions dealing with American Legion positions in the area of foreign relations.



Commander Kogutek presents copies of American Legion Convention resolutions dealing with National Security to Air Force General David C. Jones, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, during a courtesy call to the Pentagon soon after the 1980 Legion National Convention.



During the 1981 Washington Conference, Commander Kogutek welcomes new United States Ambassador to the United Nations, Dr. Jeane Kirkpartick as she appears to speak to a joint session of the Legion's National Security and Foreign Relations Commissions. Ambassador Kirkpatrick was making her first public appearance after her confirmation as U.S. envoy to the U.N.

American Legion "Helps America Work!"



National Commander, Michael J. Kogutek is greeted by then Administrator of the Veterans Administration Max Cleland, a paraplegic Vietnam War veteran, on visit to the Veterans Administration offices in the Nation's capital.



Ramond P. Bojanowski, a member of Adam Plewacki American Legion Post 779, Buffalo, N.Y., receives from National Commander Kogutek during the Washington Conference a citation designating him as the VAVS (Veterans Administration Volunteer Service) Worker of the Year.



President Reagan receives Commander Kogutek (at President's immediate right) and seven Vietnam Veteran American Legionnaires in the Oval Office after the March 16 ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery where the Commander presented The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal as a permanent memorial to the dead and missing of the Vietnam War. Others pictured are (left to right) Mark Pease, Commander, Department of Mexico; Bruce Thiesen, Commander of California and Mrs. Anne Funk of Denver, Colorado, a former Army Nurse in Vietnam.



During visit to American Legionnaires at the Panama Canal, National Commander Kogutek is welcomed by Melville E. Blake, Jr., Deputy Chief of Mission at the American Embassy in Panama. The Commander went to Mexico and Panama immediately following the Washington Conference.



Commander Kogutek, standing before the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, presented The American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal to be displayed in the Trophy Room near the tomb, as a permanent memorial to all the dead and missing of the Vietnam War.



Commander Kogutek visits garage of Indy 500 Race Driver Tom Sneva as Sneva dedicated his 1981 Memorial Day Race performance to the cause of the Legion's effort to raise funds for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial that will be constructed near the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

AMERICANISM COMMISSION



Daniel J. O'Connor (New York), Chairman Ray Patterson (Iowa), Director

It is of the utmost importance for The American Legion and affiliated groups to work together in the organization and promotion of the many excellent Americanism Programs. This is absolutely necessary to avoid duplication and confusion among their members. Your National Americanism Commission concurs with this thought and continues to emphasize the significance of the Americanism tradition through its programs.

The American Legion has taken a positive approach to the training of American youth in the rights and privileges, the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. The basic lessons of citizenship and good government are learned through participation in the several Legion and Auxiliary programs; namely, Boys/Girls State, Boys/Girls Nation, Oratorical Contest, Baseball and Department Police Cadet Training.

In addition to the specific youth activities programs described elsewhere in this report, the National Americanism Commission continues to be involved actively in legislative matters affecting our democratic way of life. Among our legislative concerns are illegal entry of aliens into this country, voluntary prayer in public buildings, the forma-



Finalists in the 1981 American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest are shown left to right. Co-winners: Dean F. Clancy, Denver, Colo., and Marlene Van Dyk, Grand Rapids, Mich., each a \$16,000 scholarship, Luis G. Vera, North Bergen, N.J., \$6,000 scholarship and Carl W. Mays II, Gatlinburg, Tenn., \$4,000 scholarship.

tion of an FBI Charter and the need for a Congressional Internal Security Committee to combat the terrorism so prevalent in the United States today.

Also, this Commission has the responsibility for supervision and coordination of two National Standing Committees - the National Committee on Education and the Counter-Subversive Activities Committee.

Flag Education

The National Americanism Commission continues its program of Flag Education through publications such as "Know Your America" and, "Let's Be Right on Flag Etiquette."

The American Legion, which has been a recognized authority on Flag Etiquette for over sixty years, has attempted to set the record straight for all citizens when it comes to the display and use of the American Flag.

The office of the National Americanism Commission receives innumerable and varied inquiries regarding proper respect for our Flag and continues to promote Flag Education programs for elementary school students.

Service to God and Country

"Service to God and Country" is basic Americanism. This program is designed to help prevent the spiritual decay of American and to charge our citizens with a spirit of positive Americanism, respect for law, reverence for authority and an awareness of our human rights and freedoms.

The first of these dual objectives is service to God through regular public worship, daily family prayer and the religious education of children. Legionnaires are called upon to make parents more aware of their responsibility to instill in their children the belief that all rights and privileges are God-given.

The second objective is to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation by preparing young Americans to take up tomorrow's responsibi-



President Jimmy Carter speaks to Boys Nation delegates in the Rose Garden at the White House during The American Legion Boys Nation program held every year in Washington, D.C.

lities. It is achieved by teaching them moral and spiritual values, renewed interest in our country's history, self-discipline, self-reliance, thrift and ideals of loyalty, honesty, and physical fitness.

This program is coordinated by the Post Chaplain through the cooperation of local clergy and other public service and civic organizations which hold with the principles of The American Legion's "Service to God and Country" program.

Education Activities

American Education Week, co-sponsored by The American Legion since 1921, will be observed November 15-21, 1981. The theme, "American Education and You - Partners In Our Children's Future," emphasizes the role The American Legion/American Legion Auxiliary can and should play in bringing about a revitalization in education as a preparation for the world of work and a training ground for young people in active, responsible citizenship.

Participation in the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the American Personnel and Guidance Association's National Convention this past spring reaffirmed that our financial source book, "NEED A LIFT?", is serving an important role for young people. High school counselors nationwide look to "NEED A LIFT?" as a basic tool in their work with young people. "A Guide for Parents and Students" and other publications continue to be in demand by individuals as well as by Posts and Units.

Along with American Education Week promotion and Financial Aids Assistance, we will continue our emphasis on citizenship education. Above all, our dedication to practicing good citizenship as an example should be forever continued. The American Legion's increased involvement in Career Education is the latest in a long line of school activities of which members of this organization are



Thousands of participants enjoy stimulating competition in the American Legion Baseball Program throughout the country annually.



Boys Nation delegates demonstrate during the swearing-in ceremony of the Boys Nation President and Vice President.

The Boys Nation program is held every year at American University in Washington, D.C.

a part. Career Education is simply teaching school-age children about the world of work. New and exotic curricula are not necessary since teachers use many sources to show how the course subject relates to the world of work. American Legion involvement is described in much more detail in the Post Auxiliary Community Together (PACT) booklet recently revised and available from Departments.

Baseball

American Legion Baseball is culminating its 56th season of nationwide competition as this convention convenes. Eight Regional champions, from among the nearly 4,000 teams fielded by American Legion Posts and sponsors, are being determined throughout the country this week in preparation for the 1981 World Series at Sumter, South Carolina September 3-7.

Approximately 55 percent of all major league baseball players this season participated in the Legion program before they signed their first professional contract. For more and more participants, college educations are becoming a reality through scholarships granted as a result of experience in this athletic activity, first sponsored by The American Legion in 1925.

Boys State/Boys Nation

Over 30,000 high school students selected during their junior year participated in Boys State, representing a nationwide program of orientation in the operation of city, county and state government. Fifty American Legion Departments conducted a Boys State program in 1981, culminating in the selection of two Boys Staters from each being honored to attend the national Boys Nation program.

The American Legion Boys Nation program, a detailed study of the function of the Federal Government, was con-

ducted at American University, Washington, D.C., July 17-25.

At Boys Nation, delegates visit federal agencies and receive briefings on the functions of the departments, following which they themselves conduct hearings, act on bills in session and culminate their activities with an election of a Boys Nation President and Vice President.

Boys Nation serves as a unique governmental training program for the delegates and motivates their interest and concern in the Federal Government process.

Scouting U.S.A.

Representing The American Legion's vital interest in the Scouting program, Bernard M. Gouaux, a 17-year-old high school senior from Lockport, Lousiana, sponsored by Henry Robertson American Legion Post No. 83, has been named The American Legion Scout of the Year for 1981.

Oratorical

The Forty-Fourth Annual National High School Oratorical Contest Finals were conducted Friday, April 10, 1981, at Indianapolis, Indiana. Fifty-two Departments of the American Legion participated in the Oratorical program. The four national finalists selected from thousands competing in the contest were:

CO-WINNERS — Marlene Van Dyk, Grand Rapids, Michigan — \$16,000 Scholarship Dean F. Clancy, Denver, Colorado \$16,000 Scholarship

THIRD PLACE — Luis G. Vera, North Bergen, New Jersey — \$6,000 Scholarship

FOURTH PLACE — Carl W. May II, Gatlinburg, Tenn. — \$4,000 Scholarship

The American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund also awards a \$500 scholarship to each Department winner who participates in the Regional contest, and a \$500 scholarship to Sectional contestants who do not advance to the National Finals, for a total of \$66,000 in scholarships awarded annually to recipients and the national level. To date, \$750,000 in scholarship awards has been provided from The American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund. Additionally, scholarships are awarded at the Post, District and Department levels.

COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE Leo F. Malloy (Massachusetts), Chairman

The Counter-Subversive Activities Committee has had many concerns during the past year. It has been monitoring closely the increase in terrorism both here and abroad; the concerted effort to build a new student movement on the campuses of this country; and a group known as Eastern Marxist Scholars.

Terrorism is no longer confined to the diabolic acts of extreme left-wing groups; it is now being perpetrated by the extreme right, particularly by neo-fascists. It has become a worldwide problem. That terrorism is increasing is borne out by these statistics: in 1978, 975 acts of international terrorism were committed around the world, including 526 murders; in 1979, the number grew to 1,550, including 611 murders. More than half of these occurred in Western Europe and the United States. As we have witnessed recently, assassinations and attempted assassinations are no longer shocking - they are becoming commonplace.

Top priority is being given to an attempt by assorted Marxists and Ultra-leftists to build a new student movement on the campuses of this country. However, it is admitted that most of the active students today do not consider themselves revolutionaries, anti-imperialists or Marxists. This effort was culminated last November when student members of the Revolutionary Workers Headquarters played a key role in organizing a Progressive Student Conference at Kent State. This conference was attended by some 400 students. Student focuses have shifted from time to time from anti-apartheid organizing to the anit-nuclear movement and, recently, concentration has centered on the anti-draft posture. This is not the goal of radical activists: They would like to achieve what they term "progressive student groups" which would be based on multi-issues. On several campuses, advanced corps are pulling together for this purpose and, in many cases, Marxists-Leninists have played an important role.

Over the weekend of October 17-19, 1980, 272 participants attended the first annual Eastern Marxist Scholars' Conference at Hostos Community College of the City University of New York in the Bronx. This conference, it was reported, grew out of a diverse group of scholars from the East who attended the Fourth Mid-West Scholars' Conference at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1979. The mean age of all participants was under 40 and they came from 20 states: 31 from Washington-Baltimore; 14 from Pennsylvania; 16 from New Jersey; 20 from New England; 6 from the Midwest; 4 from the South and most of the rest from New York State. It was also reported that over 107 university and college campuses were represented by faculty and students. The theme of this conference was: "Myths, Illusions, Realities: Marxist Critique of Capitalist Culture in the United States." A second annual Eastern Marxist Scholars' Conference is scheduled for November 13-15. 1981, in Washington, D.C. The theme of this one will be: "People's Rights and the Crisis of Capitalism in the U.S.A. - The Marxist Response to Monopoly's Agenda for the 80's."

All of this information has been disseminated in *Firing Line*, the publication of which is one of the chief functions of the Counter-Subversive Activities Committee.

CHILDREN & YOUTH COMMISSION



Eugene V. Lindquist (Minnesota), Chairman Ray Patterson (Iowa), Director

The American Legion, since its inception in 1919, has been aware of the needs of veterans' children. It is always good to review the two major purposes of our Children & Youth program, which are (a) to provide a setting conducive for every veterans' child to realize his full potential, and (b) to assure every American child a similar opportunity. The purposes of The American Legion Children & Youth program have remained constant throughout its long history and are as meaningful today as when first established.

Our national theme this past year was "Set a Course for the Future." Many obstacles that confront today's children are far beyond the grasp of the child and difficult even for adults to deal with. Yet, as an organization, we are dedicated to dealing with these obstacles. The Children & Youth program functions to provide reasonable assurance that a child will grow physically, mentally and emotionally, and the realization of this goal can come about as we work together.

At last year's annual Spring Meeting in Indianapolis, your National Commission selected three major Areas of Concern for nationwide involvement:

Special Olympics is without a doubt the hottest program our Commission has supported for many years. This past year, thousands of Legion and Auxiliary volunteers have given their time and talents to this program. Helping the less fortunate reach for "the gold" is really a special experience.

Reye's Syndrome may not be the number one childhood disease, but it may be at the top of the list of least-known and understood diseases that afflict children. This void of information is being battled daily by our national Reye's Syndrome educational program. We are proud to be the first national volunteer organization to accept such a challenge.

Drug abuse prevention is again the concern of your National Commission. We are alarmed at the statistics which reveal increases in the types of drug abuse which many thought disappeared with the 60's. Our new family-oriented brochure focuses on the problems created by the abuse

and use of illicit drugs. Your help and concern is needed, and thanks for all your past support.

Our national areas of concern are important, but so are three of our perennial programs—Temporary Financial Assistance, April Incentive Program, and "Make Halloween a Safe and Fun Night." These programs exemplify why our total program has been so successful. Each year, such emphasis continues to signal to our communities that we CARE about children.

As a National Commission, we are very proud of our educational materials designed for Post and Unit leadership personnel. Each year we print enough materials to insure that at least one copy of all our brochures is available for each Post and Unit of the Legion and Auxiliary. Our pamphlets are free to our volunteers, and we always encourage local Posts and Units to reproduce our materials as needed to meet demands. A complete list of all materials available from our Commission will be sent to you upon request.

In the fall of 1980, we completed our second annual series of Regional Leadership Seminars. What a great success these meetings have been for Children & Youth! We hope that each of you will attend the seminar nearest your home in 1981. At these meetings, we take the time to go over each of our programs in great detail. Each person attending is given much time to ask questions and contribute to the betterment of our program. Elsewhere in this publication, you will find the dates, sites and programs covered by these seminars. Plan now to attend!

Reporting for 1979-80 was outstanding. We are proud to report that over \$23,000,000 was expended for children and youth by our Posts and Units during this period. It is of interest to note that this astounding figure was reached with only 47 percent of our Posts and 69 percent of our Units filing a report with National Headquarters.



Everyone's a winner in the Special Olympics. Here's an athlete receiving the gold at the Indiana State Games in Terre Haute. Summer of 1980.

Just think of the annual report we could make to Congress if 80 or 90 percent of our Posts and Units filed reports. Total monies expended by Posts, Units and Salons of the Eight and Forty since the beginning of The American Legion's Children & Youth program in 1920 are now exceeding \$425,000,000. This figure in no way matches the number of volunteer hours and in-kind service provided by program supporters. The magnitude of such a figure is overwhelming, and for this we are grateful.

Annually, as a National Commission, we support Federal legislation in line with our established mandates. This support is in the form of written or oral testimony as may be required. During the 96th session of Congress, we were privileged to support legislation concerning preschool immunizations, child nutrition, adoptive children with special needs, catastrophic illness among children and other areas in line with our mandates.

The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Eight and Forty have for many years been charting a course for children as they work within one program of Children & Youth. Individual projects may have resulted in different "ports of call" along the route, but the three organizations have never strayed from their collective goal of "A Square Deal for Every Child."

AMERICAN LEGION CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION, INC. Walton D. Griffin (Tennessee), President Paul R. Frinsthal (Illinois), Executive Secretary

In 1980, our Board of Directors granted a record amount of money to nine non-profit agencies actively engaged in helping our younger generation. The results of such support have been wonderful. Every contributing member is surely proud of the fine work accomplished in areas such as information, education and research.

We cannot guess what new problems will face our children tomorrow. We don't know where the need will be greatest. All we can say for sure is that the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation is prepared to help. Such preparedness is only possible through the annual generosity of the Legion, Auxiliary and Eight and Forty members.

On May 3, 1981, the Foundation's Board of Directors met in Indianapolis to consider 19 applications for grants, which totalled over \$319,200.00. These grant requests were made from all parts of the country, and they represented many excellent programs to benefit the children and youth of this nation. During this meeting, grants totalling \$118,219.50 were awarded to nine voluntary, non-profit organizations actively engaged in helping our younger generation. Such programs as Reye's Syndrome, Juvenile Delinquency Prevention, Cystic Fibrosis, Immune Deficiency diseases and Tourette Syndrome will be supported by grants during the coming year.



Outer space goggles? Hardly! These experimental glasses are being developed by a team of researchers from the College of Canons in Canon City, Colorado, to hopefully help dyslexic children read better. Another project supported by your Child Welfare Foundation.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION



William Detweiler (Louisiana), Chairman Frederick Woodress (Kentucky), Director

Two of the Public Relations Commission's annual projects— The Fourth Estate Award and the Commander's Annual Public Relations Award—have generated considerable interest both in the Legion and the communications field.

This year, and in future years—if the entries warrant it—the



National Network and local Boston television and radio news crews review scripts and prepare to zero in on 1981 National Convention platform in Boston, Mass., as one of the candidates for the office of President of the United States prepares to speak to a full house of Legion and Auxiliary delegates in Boston's John B. Hynes Veterans Auditorium.



Hy Rosen (right), editorial cartoonist for the Albany Times Union and other Hearst newspapers, receives the American Legion's Fourth Estate Award for 1980 for distinguished service in the field of communication. National Commander Frank I. Hamilton (left) makes the presentation with the assistance of William M. Detweiler, chairman of the Legion's National Public Relations Commission.

Commission will give Fourth Estate Awards in both print and electronic categories. Winners for 1981 are ABC News (TV and radio) for its coverage of the Iran Crisis, and N. La Verl Christensen, Editor Emeritus of the Provo, Utah, Daily Herald, columnist, editorial writer for his columns and editorials written for the 32 Scripps League Newspapers. (Mr. Christensen also is a Legion member.)

At the Washington Conference, the Public Relations Commission honored NBC-TV's "Meet The Press" Program, longest running network TV show, through its Moderator-Executive Producer Bill Monroe and Producer Betty Dukert. Both spoke and received the Commander's Public Relations Award from Commander Michael J. Kogutek. More than 800 attended.

Besides honoring individuals and their employers in journalism, who promote the American way of life, the Commission is also interested in providing public relations tools for Legion editors and public relations officers at the department, district and post levels.

These tools are: Radio tapes with spot announcements, TV tapes, billboards, speech library talks, PR Handbook for Post PR Officer, the hot line with fast breaking Legion news (1-800-428-2686), video tapes of Legion programs ranging from Boy's Nation to Terrorism, audio tapes of talks, advertisements and special reproduction proofs for Legion publications, motion pictures and the Speakers Guide.

"A Special Day," a 16mm film for Veterans Day has won awards and can be purchased through Emblem Sales. "The American Legion Convention Story" made in Boston has been so popular that in some parts of the country it has been booked up through January 1982. Modern Talking Picture Service is handling the bookings at its 23 U.S. and three Canadian locations. There is no charge for bookings. The only cost is return postage. For information, write Modern Talking Pictures, 5000 Park Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33709 (Tel: 813-541-7571).

Commission members have been learning about advances in communications. At one meeting, members toured the Defense

Information School at Fort Benjamin Harrison and learned first hand how military personnel from all services get practical experience in radio, TV and print. Another meeting included a visit to the headquarters of Saturday Evening Post and talk with board chairman and longtime Legionnaire Dr. Beurt SerVaas. The Public Relations Commission held a joint luncheon with National Press Club Post 20 to hear a talk on Washington news coverage by veteran White House correspondent and Legion member Mrs. Sarah McClendon.

The Commission gives the division encouragement, suggestions and policy support in carrying out the awesome job of communicating the Legion's important and varied story.

The Public Relations Division, as a service division of the Legion, has the duty of informing the Legion and the various national publics about Legion programs, mandates and activities.

With skilled specialists in the Indianapolis and Washington offices, Legion Public Relations sends out news stories, photographs, TV tapes, radio tapes, TV and radio spot announcements, motion pictures, brochures, reports and speeches. Press kits are made up and more than 250 speeches a year are prepared for the national commander.

Mailings are made to the media on a national basis and to individual cities on very specialized projects. American Legion News Service is for the Legion press.

With the only split office in the Legion, Public Relations has a great responsibility to insure good communications inside and outside the Legion.

The Public Relations' responsibility in the Regional Workshops to be held in September and October 1981 will include media panels to be held in each conference with representatives from newspapers, TV and radio participating. There also will be presentations on the art of speech writing, preparation of a press release, and how to handle an interview with the press, radio or TV. Techniques of good photography will be discussed. Legionnaires are invited to bring examples of Legion photography for a critique.



National Commander Michael J. Kogutek presents the American Legion National Commander's Public Relations Award to Bill Monroe, Producer/Moderator of NBC's "Meet The Press" program during the National Commander's luncheon at the 1981 Washington Conference. Co-recipient of the award is Mrs. Betty Cole Dukert, Producer of the program.

FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMISSION



Dr. Robert P. Foster (Missouri), Chairman G. Michael Schlee (Maryland), Director

The American Legion's foreign relations policies support our alliances with other friendly nations and have sought to strengthen our policies with other nations. They have opposed Soviet colonization by Cuban proxy in Latin America and Africa and the myriad forms of Soviet imperialism which continue to emerge around the world.

The fundamental tenets of The American Legion's foreign policy positions were presented to the Reagan Administration transition team on December 15, 1980. In it we stated:

"The first tenet is that foreign policy, whatever the region or the issue, must be based on strength and the will to use strength and power, or it is worthless. Another fundamental tenet is consistency, coherence and cohesion and linkage in foreign policies. As President-Elect Reagan persuasively stated before The American Legion's National Convention in Boston on August 20, 1980:

"Our allies are totally mystified by this 'on-again, off-again approach' to U.S. foreign and defense policies. Even our



Dr. Jeane Kirkpatrick, newly confirmed U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, tells members of The American Legion's National Security and Foreign Relations Commissions that Ronald Reagan's election signals the end of America's own "cultural revolution" of self doubt. Dr. Kirkpatrick's address at the 21st annual Washington Conference was her first public speech since her confirmation January 29, 1981.

adversaries cannot understand U.S. policy, and since they don't believe we understand it either, they invade Afghanistan and expand their empire. Tremendous forces of national pride and concern over the growing weakness of American foreign and defense policies are merging in the United States as the American people become aware of our weakness in foreign and defense policy."

The American Legion's membership and leadership is an active part of that over-all concern and anxiety. We remain most apprehensive about the current trends in U.S. foreign policy.

The American Legion's members have witnessed the steady expansion of leftist leadership in Africa, in the Middle East and in Central America and have formulated strong measures to support free enterprise and free market systems, systems which by any comparison available, provide a better way of life and higher standards than the harsh, cruel and unreal methodology of communist and Marxist leaders.

For example, the region of the Caribbean and Central America became so obviously threatened by Fidel Castro's expansionist policies in Central America that the National Executive Committee established a Western Hemisphere Task Force on a priority basis to ascertain what was happening to our southern borders which once were protected by the Monroe Doctrine, and a U.S. determination to support that Doctrine. The American Legion's Task Force found, without looking very deep, leftist encroachments throughout the Caribbean and in Central and South America.

The American Legion is convinced that the real danger to U.S. national security and national interests is international communism which is a form of tyranny, a dictatorship with a new title. We urge re-establishment of a policy of vigilant containment and one which seeks peace through strength. We forcefully urge opposition to Soviet aggression and propaganda wherever they appear.



Canadian Consul Ronald G. MacDougall, acting on behalf of Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, accepts citation of appreciation from The American Legion, presented by National Commander Frank I. Hamilton, expressing the thanks of the Legion to members of the Canadian Embassy in Iran for helping six American diplomatic personnel escape from that country where other American diplomatic representatives were being held hostage by Iranian dissidents.

Western Hemisphere Task Force

The Western Hemisphere Task Force formulated by the National Executive Committee in their May 1980 meeting to study, evaluate and report on what was happening to our southern borders was commended by the 1980 National Convention for its gathering and evaluation of information on this vital area. The National Convention also recommended that these reported findings be fully reported to the entire American Legion membership, the Executive Branch and Congress of the United States.

To date, the Western Hemisphere Task Force (WHTF) has reported their findings and recommendations to the National Executive Committee on two separate occasions. The Task Force continues to gather and evaluate information with which to make its final report to the 1981 Fall NEC meeting.

The Task Force findings, although too numerous to mention here, generally reveal that the major threat to the Western Hemisphere today is the spread of communism by the Soviet Union and Cuba.

The Task Force recommends that the United States should not tolerate a communist takeover of any state in the Western Hemisphere and that the United States direct its efforts to prevent the exportation of revolution, subversion, terrorism and shipment of arms and money for such purposes from Cuba. The American Legion has also testified on two separate occasions in support of military aid to El Salvador.

General Foreign Policy

The Soviet Union and the communist ideology represent the primary threat to the peace and security of the United States and the non-communist nations. The gravest threat to security is the Soviet arsenal of weapons, trained military manpower and KGB agents operating under the umbrella of communist ideology. Despite three decades of communist confrontations and the unchanging patterns of communist aggression labeled "liberation" movements, the Western powers have failed to grasp the subtleties of communist encroachment on our system's free institutions, free enterprise and free market concept.

The American Legion continued throughout the year to urge the United States to re-establish a policy of seeking peace through strength, and to oppose Soviet propaganda and aggression wherever they appear, and however disguised. We have further urged that the U.S. policy of containment be a total policy working with allies, integrating and coordinating actions in such fields as politics, economics, science, strategy, arms production and control, energy and resources, to the end that Soviet aggression, Soviet expansionism and Soviet colonialism be abandoned by the USSR as counter-productive and self-defeating policies which will not be tolerated nor accommodated by nations in pursuit of freedom and betterment of mankind.

The Republic of China (Taiwan)

The American Legion's staunch support for the Republic of China (Taiwan) was reflected in a letter from National Commander Michael J. Kogutek to President Reagan on March 26, 1981. He stated:

"I wish to advise you of The American Legion's support for the

recent request by the Republic of China for defensive aircraft. Taiwan has been the staunch ally to, and a strong trading partner of, the United States for over three decades.

"We believe favorable consideration is essential to insuring the independence of the Republic of China and sustaining our historic and mutually beneficial relationship with her."

Our support has also been re-enforced by the visit to Taiwan of both our National Commander Michael J. Kogutek and National Adjutant Frank Momsen this year.

Human Rights

The American Legion expressed its views on "human rights" to the Honorable Charles Percy, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, in a letter from Mylio Kraja, Director of the National Legislative Commission, on March 12, 1981. Mr. Kraja stated that our views on this issue wholeheartedly respect the principles of individual dignity, freedom and liberty. But, The American Legion has difficulty in reconciling the selective application of human rights policies that create tensions with historically friendly nations as against the application of similar policies to characteristically unfriendly ones which flagrantly violate every aspect of individual liberty.

Senator Percy was also provided with a copy of Resolution 325, adopted at the 62nd National Convention, which urges:

"U.S. foreign policy leaders to discontinue the selective use of human rights as a moral weapon and tool of policy providing the basis of U.S. policies, commitments, treaties, trade agreements and various forms of cooperative endeavors. Further, that the totality of U.S. interests provide the only sound basis for foreign policies of the United States, national interests being the security and survival of the United States as a free, open and capitalistic society whose citizens are entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."



Dr. Robert P. Foster, chairman of The American Legion's Foreign Relations Commission, listens as Mohammed Hakim Aryovi, senior field commander in the Afghan freedom fighters forces battling Soviet troops, reads a message to the Legionnaires describing his forces' desperate need for food, medicine and arms. At the right is Sayed Ahmed Gailan, hereditary and religious leader of the Afghan people and the man who launched the Jihad, or holy war, against the Soviet forces.

POW/MIA

The POW/MIA Committee, authorized by Resolution 739 of the 1980 National Convention, met in February 1981 during the Washington Conference to develop plans to assist in focusing public attention and government action on this pressing issue. The recommendations of this committee included: (1) petitions to the President; (2) resolutions of concern adopted by State Legislators; (3) letter writing campaigns; (4) support for July 17 as National POW/MIA Day; and (5) participation in ribbon awareness campaigns.

Chairman Keith Baker (IA) mailed an "action letter" to all Departments and members who expressed interest in this problem. In his letter, Chairman Baker noted that National Commander Kogutek had discussed this issue with President Reagan on March 16, 1981. He went on to state that with action by The American Legion and its Auxiliary members, we can achieve the fullest possible accounting for all the POW/MIAs in Southeast Asia. Since that time, the committee has received many reports of actions taken by Departments and individual members to resolve this painful issue—and hopes to receive a lot more.

CONVENTION COMMISSION



Richard H. Klinge (Washington), Vice Chairman William H. Miller (Oregon), Director

The National Convention Commission reviewed the 62nd National Convention held in Boston where conventioneers were addressed by the President of the United States and two additional candidates for that office. The convention was well received and enjoyed by delegates and guests. However, it was barely a break-even operation financially.

Much emphasis had been placed on the Musical Spectacular which featured all the top Senior Drum & Bugle Corps in the nation and a great turn-out of spectators for this event was anticipated. As a result of the negative response to this colorful event, a sub-committee of the Commission was appointed to study all contest activities held at national conventions and to come forth with suggestions for a revision of this program. The sub-committee recommendation presented at the Spring meeting was that the Junior and Senior Drum & Bugle Corps competition be dropped from the contest program and that a Junior Band program

South Africa

The American Legion continued its efforts to have the Administration and Congress to take immediate bipartisan action, with or without United Nations approval to (1) terminate all sanctions against South Africa; (2) establish full diplomatic ties with South Africa, designate South Africa as a "most favored nation" in all areas of trade and exchange of economic or military facilities, and provide tax incentives for U.S. industrial development in South Africa; and (3) enter into mutually acceptable military alliance with South Africa.

The basis for our efforts was a matter of extreme urgency in support of United States national security, industrial and economic development interests, and because of the unsettled conditions in Africa and the Middle East.

The American Legion also continued its support for reactivation of the hydro-electric facility near the Angolan-Namibia border as a proper humanitarian act in the interest of all nations and people living in that part of Africa.

be developed in its place. A final decision on contests at national conventions will be reached at the October meeting and presented to the National Executive Committee.

During the past year, the Commission spent a great deal of time in negotiating with hotels in Honolulu for reasonable rates in order to increase attendance at the convention. However, the real problem is the drastically increased air fares. Air fares have increased over twenty-five percent during the past year and have caused a great number of persons to scrap plans to attend the 1981 convention. At the outset of preparations for the convention, attendance was projected to be 25 - 30,000.

The contract by and between the National Organization and the Chicago 1982 Convention Corporation was executed by the National Commander and National Adjutant. The experienced personnel making up the Chicago corporation will make the 1982 national convention outstanding.

Seattle has reported its readiness to provide another enjoyable site for the 1983 convention as they did in 1976. New hotel facilities in the downtown area will make it unneccessary to travel to outlying areas for accommodations.

Prior to our Spring meeting, the Philadelphia County Council had withdrawn its invitation to host the 1984 national convention in Philadelphia due to the reduction of housing accommodations in that city. However, during the Spring meeting, representatives of the Department of Pennsylvania appeared before the Commission to request that they be given additional time to study the Philadelphia situation. They agreed to come before the October meeting with definite and final information.

A decision on convention sites for the years beyond 1984 will be made at the Fall meeting. Before this can be accomplished, an inspection team made up of Commission members must inspect the cities which have presented invitations to host future conventions.

The convention schedule beyond 1981 is:

Chicago, IllinoisAugust 20-26, 198	32
Seattle, Washington	33
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania August 17-23, 198	34

Members of the Commission were saddened by the deaths of Chairman Eric Smith and Commission member, Tommy E. Jones of West Virginia. A memorial service was conducted at the opening of the Spring meeting in Indianapolis for our two comrades.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS COMMITTEE

Maurice E. Druhl (Oregon), Chairman

The Distinguished Guests Committee has the responsibility under the direction of the National Convention Commission during the national convention to coordinate the activities of all those who have been invited to attend as distinguished guests.

Its primary concern is the transportation, housing and welfare of those distinguished guests who have indicated they will attend. The committee arranges for thier transportation on arrival, registers them as previously arranged and provides transportation to the various convention events they desire or are scheduled to attend.

A hospitality room is maintained for their convenience and for the use of their aides or other guests. These arrangements are normally open during the entire convention and usually at the headquarters hotel, but may include the site of the convention and other areas when time and local Legionnaire participation is available.

Proper credentials, agendas, itineraries are all part of this operation and special requests from distinguished guests are honored if at all possible.

The committee's success depends almost entirely on the participation of the convention city Legionnaires who provide experienced leadership and concientious devotion by aides, drivers and others to make the guests feel comfortable and at ease during their stay in the convention city.

CONTESTS SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

Leon M. Jackson (Louisiana), Chairman Dennis D. Oxley (Indiana), Liaison

The National Contests Supervisory Committee (NCSC) is to supervise all contests at the National Conventions of The American Legion, and is charged with the responsibility of developing and making available information on musical organization management and other expertise relative to musical organizations.

The NCSC met October 13-14, 1980 at National Headquarters, Indianapolis, Indiana. Due to the cost and logistic problems, the National Executive Committeemen voted not to hold the contest during the National Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii. The NCSC voted to contact the public and private high schools on the island of Oahu, and check their interests in participating in The American Legion parade during the National Convention.

The NCSC met again May 4-5, 1981 at National Headquarters. It was noted that high school bands on the island of Oahu had been contacted, and a number of the bands showed interest in participating in the Legion's National Convention parade. Also, preliminary plans were discussed concerning contests which will be held during the 1982 National Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

The eleven categories sponsored by the NCSC are:

Junior Drum Corps	Junior Drill Team
Senior Drum Corps	Senior Drill Team
Junior Color Guard	Junior Field Band
Senior Color Guard	Senior Contest Band
Firing Squad	Chorus & Quartet

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Junior Drum Corps — Arbella, Post 23, Salem, MA Junior Color Guard — Victorian Vanguard, Post 40, Ridgefield Park, NJ

Senior Color Guard — Double D's, Post 180, Milwaukie, OR

Firing Squad — Babylon, Post 94, Babylon, NY Junior Drill Team — Rangerettes, Post 610, Brook Park, OH

Senior Drill Team — Double D's, Post 180, Milwaukie,

Senior Band — Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, IL

Senior Drum Corps — Hawthorne Caballeros, Post 199, Hawthorne, NJ

Junior Field Band — St. Ann's, Post 65, Boston, MA

No contests were held in Chorus or Quartet.

THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE COMMISSION



Milford A. Forrester (South Carolina), Chairman Bertram G. Davis (New York), Publisher

The past year has been one of crisis for The American

Legion Magazine as economic problems related to production and distribution became more acute. As external costs continue to spiral, finding a workable solution to the Magazine's fiscal dilemma has been given top priority by the Magazine Commission and the Publisher. Substantial progress has been made in cutting expenses; however, costs are increasing so rapidly that it appears relief will be forthcoming only through an increase in the current allocation of dues, commonly known as subscription revenue.

In 1980, it cost \$2.62 per member to produce and distribute the Magazine, which received only \$1.50 from each member for this purpose. Even with record-high advertising revenue in 1980, the Magazine failed to garner sufficient funds to offset expenses.

The increase in production and distribution expenses is not limited to one or two specific areas, but are prevalent in all facets of publishing—payroll, cost of services and practically every other operation related to producing a publication. Furthermore, continuing increases in postal rates and paper prices, plus other inflationary factors, have created major budgetary dilemmas. Although we have increased our advertising rate by 40 percent in the past 5 years, we cannot look to additional rate increases to offset the predicted 1981 deficit and still remain competitive with other magazines for the advertising dollar.

The magnitude of the problem being faced is, perhaps, best illustrated by a comparison of past, present and future costs in several key areas:

	PAPER	PRINTING	POSTAGE
1970	\$1,032,616	\$ 690,654	\$ 237,893
1980	2,673,312	1,072,764	1,359,957
1981 (estimated)	2,713,500	1,126,385	1,500,000



Automation in the Magazine's circulation department not only increases distribution efficiency, but also aids other divisions; for example, here are the 1982 membership cards processed for Membership and Post Activities.

Though there are definite problems in all three of these vital areas, our postage cost problem is compounded by a plan by the Administration to discontinue the subsidy necessary to fund the 16-year postal rate phasing schedule. If this plan is effected—and it now appears that it will be—the second class postal rates for the Magazine will increase to the fully phased rate in October 1981, rather than the originally scheduled July 1987 date. This action if effected in 1981 would increase our postage cost for distribution from \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000 a year.

It may seem unfortunate that we must devote so much attention to these matters, but The American Legion Magazine is the only direct communication link between the individual member and National Headquarters. Consequently, recitation of the facts is essential as part of the report on our stewardship.

Despite economic conditions, there is good news to report: we can state without reservation that the Magazine continues to enjoy the confidence of our readership for its editorial content.

In format, The American Legion Magazine is a "general interest consumer magazine." Its leading articles usually deal with subjects that are not only of interest to Legionnaires, but also to all Americans—and this is in accordance with an instruction received from the 1922 National Convention. For some three decades, material of fraternal nature and material which could be classified "veterans news" has appeared in a section of the Magazine designated for that specific purpose. This broad plan of separating the general feature content from the fraternal and veterans news content has been highly successful in creating an organization publication which ranks, in content as well as circulation, with the leading consumer magazines in the nation.

An indication of the acceptance of this format and the regard in which the Magazine is held is readily apparent when one considers the number of Legion Magazine articles which are reprinted in other publications ranging from The Reader's Digest to local newspapers. Our latest figures show that fully 20 percent of the Magazine's feature articles are eventually reprinted elsewhere. Further, it has become a cliche among Legionnaires that their magazine is a prized monthly visitor to their homes, and is an attractive reason for becoming and remaining a Legionnaire.

The American Legion Magazine Commission is pleased with our product. We feel The American Legion Magazine is fulfilling its mission and doing it well. Nevertheless, we know that we have reached a point where there is simply not enough advertising revenue to offset the rapidly increasing costs over which we have no control — the cost of paper and postage — and, if we are to preserve the quality of the Magazine, and we believe it is imperative to do so, additional funds must be made available.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

William D. Jackson (Indiana), Executive Director

The Executive Director, whose office is located in the National Headquarters, Indianapolis, has four major responsibilities.

- I) He performs such duties as may be assigned to him by the National Adjutant to assist in meeting the myriad responsibilities of that office and, during temporary absences of the National Adjutant from the Headquarters, acts for him.
- 2) He heads the Administrative Services Division and through it supervises and coordinates the many administrative functions of the Indianapolis Headquarters.
- 3) He serves on the Personnel Committee of the Headquarters, the National Retirement Committee, Publications Advisory Board, and is Chairman of the Management Review Board.
- 4) He coordinates EDP-Computer operations, which has a Director reporting to the Executive Director.

Included in the Administrative Services Division of the Indianapolis Headquarters are following administrative functions: cashier; mail; printing; purchasing; graphic arts; general supply . . . stock, receiving, shipping; Library, Archives, E. A. Blackmore Museum; Communications Center; building maintenance; cafeteria; Personnel Division; Finance section and Insurance section.

The Administrative Services Division also provides all secretarial assistance to the executive officers of The American Legion.

Computer Center

The EDP-Computer Center is currently responsible for the following programs:

Updating of "The American Legion Magazine," SAL, FIR-ING LINE, ADVANCE, and Legislative Bulletin mailing lists; and the printing of mailing labels and renewal notices.

Production of direct membership renewal notices and registers.

The production of membership cards and registers, department accounting reports, statistical information, post questionnaire reports and welcome back notices.

The printing of state paper mailing labels, upon request. PUFL members updating and financial checks.

The maintenance of inventory controls, purchasing controls and billing applications for The American Legion Emblem Divison.

Emblem Sales invoices and reports.

Production of all general ledger accounting information.

Maintenance of the mailing list and automated grading for the Extension Institute.

Production of audit control and circulation analysis reports for "The American Legion Magazine."

Production of inventory control and purchase order control of National Headquarters.

Accounts receivable.

Retirement Investment program.

Furniture and Fixtures Inventory and Depreciation reports.

NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION



Roger A. Munson (Ohio), Chairman G. Michael Schlee (Maryland), Director

In the most basic sense, the strategic requirements of the 1980s are to prepare for the "Three Days of War:" to deter the day before war; to fight the day of war; and to terminate conflict in such a manner that on the day after war, the United States and its allies enjoy an acceptable level of security.

E. C. MEYER General, U.S. Army Chief of Staff

The American Legion has always believed that the best method of securing peace is the maintenance of a strong, well-trained military force to insure that no potentially hostile nation will ever dare to challenge the national interests of the United States or its



Roger Munson, National Foreign Relations Commission Chairman, welcomes Sergeant Major of the United States Marine Corps Leland "Crow" Crawford to the podium of a joint Foreign Relations/National Security Commission meeting as a featured speaker during the 1981 Washington Conference.

allies in any area of the world.

During the past 20 years, our armed forces have had to compete with the many special programs for the funds necessary to recruit and train personnel, equipment to modernize and to purchase the necessary fuel and ammunition for an armed force that is in the highest state of readiness. The result of this competition has been a steady erosion of the capability of the armed forces vis-a-vis the Soviets. It now appears that this erosion will cease—that the necessary funds will be made available to the armed forces for recruitment, training and modernization.

The National Security Commission in keeping with its long tradition of making recommendations based on hard facts, rather than nebulous reports, has undertaken a series of informative programs and briefings over the past year which are designed to keep the members of the Commission abreast of the latest information on the programs developed by the Department of Defense aimed at strengthening the armed forces.

Immediately prior to the 62nd Annual National Convention held in Boston, the members of the National Security Commission visited Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, to visit the 509th Bombardment Wing. This unit is armed with the FB-111 supersonic aircraft and is part of the Strategic Air Command. The unit is armed with nuclear weapons for use against hostile countries and can fly a mission to deliver those weapons at a moments notice. Members of the Commission also toured the headquarters of the Tanker Task Force which has the mission of in-flight refueling for the bombers enroute to a target area.

In keeping with the long established practice of being thoroughly knowledgeable on those areas of immediate interest just prior to the deliberations of the Convention Committee, the National Security Commission met for a series of briefings. Lt. Gen. Paul X. Kelley, USMC, Commander of the Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force, informed the group of the make-up of this force, its current status and its ability to go wherever needed in the



Admiral Thomas J. Moorer (USN, Ret.) is flanked by Dr. Robert P. Foster, chairman of the Foreign Relations Commission (left) and Roger A. Munson, chairman of the National Security Commission. Adm. Moorer had just addressed a joint session of The National Security/Foreign Relations Commission during the 21st annual Washington Conference of The American Legion at the Capitol Hilton Hotel.

world for certain types of missions, the force is flexible and can be tailored to meet the needs of any given situation, and the formation of the Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force sent a strong and powerful signal to both friends and enemies.

Brig. Gen. James P. McCarthy, USAF, briefed the Commission on the proposed mission and the real need for the M-X Intercontinental Ballistic Missile. He stated the costs, basing mode and capability of the M-X system and informed the Commission of the deployment schedule. Maj. Gen. Maxwell R. Thurman, USA, briefed the Legionnaires on the mission of the Army Recruiting Command. Gen. Thurman stressed the fact that the Army competes with all of the other services for the available personnel, and that pay and benefits, living conditions and allowances were of prime concern to members of the Armed Forces, and are a factor in retaining and attracting the numbers of personnel which we need.

The final speaker was Dr. Leon Goure, who spoke on the subject of Soviet civil defense and U.S. military strategy. He noted that in the event of a nuclear exchange between the Soviet Union and the United States, the Soviets would suffer as few as 10 million casualties while the U.S. might suffer as many as 120 million dead.

The annual mid-winter Washington Conference has traditionally been a time in which the National Security Commission is updated on those areas of concern to The American Legion in the area of national defense. In keeping with that tradition, the National Security Commission met in joint session with the Foreign Relations Commission during the morning and were briefed by several notable individuals. Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, USN Ret., spoke on the subject of "Global Posture in the 1980s." He outlined the need for a change in direction of foreign policy and urged a major rebuilding program of the armed forces. The newly appointed United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, briefed the joint session on the new perspectives the Reagan Administration will bring to our international relations with both the United Nations as a body and the individual nations of the world.

The Conference session also featured a briefing by the U.S. Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare Briefing Team which made an extensive presentation on the missions and capabilities of the Corps and its role in projecting U.S. military power in those areas of the world where it may serve the nation's interest. The Sergeant-Major of the Marine Corps, Leland "Crow" Crawford, made a very candid presentation of the "quality of life" aspects of today's service life.

For the first time during the Conference, the members of the National Security Commission took advantage of their presence in Washington to attend a briefing by the staff members of the House Armed Services Committee on Congressional perspective concerning the Armed Forces. William H. Hogan, Jr., General Counsel, greeted the Commission. G. Kim Wincup briefed on the military personnel problems; Robert G. Emmerichs on military compensation and benefits, and Fred Schatzman on the U.S. strategic posture. John J. Ford, Staff Director of the Committee, chaired a panel of the speakers to field questions by Commission members.

The National Security Commission also received a presentation from the U.S. Air Force "Soviet Awareness" team at Bolling Air Force Base. The briefing covered the Soviet economy, military equipment and training, attitudes and the Soviet political system. The entire Awareness Team has traveled in the Soviet Union and most speak fluent Russian.

The armed forces have over the past several years suffered a severe decline in the re-enlistment rate. Low retention rates impact on each of the Services in different ways. Shortages of skilled personnel mean longer hours and extra duty for those still in uniform which adversely effects retention. Lack of skilled personnel also means a lower standard of maintenance and repairs for the sophisticated equipment currently deployed with our armed forces. Both of these facts constitute irritants to service people. In the past five years, only the Air Force has succeeded in stabilizing enlistments for career regulars at an acceptable level.

In order to help improve the retention rate for all the services, the National Security Commission recommended and the National Executive Committee approved a resolution calling for a new GI Bill which would grant educational benefits based on honorable service. Several members of the Congress responded by introducing such legislation in both Houses. The American Legion prepared testimony based on a thorough review of all the legislation. That testimony has become part of the official record and will be considered when the legislation is debated on the floor of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

It behooves every American to be aware of the status and capabilities of our armed forces vis-a-vis the armed forces of the Soviet Union. The National Security Commission has made available for purchase, a slide presentation complete with script. This presentation is suitable for showing at Post meetings or at any other function in the community. The presentation may be obtained by writing the National Security-Foreign Relations Division, 1608 K St., NW, Washington, DC 20006.

ROTC MEDALS:—Thirty-five Departments with ROTC units supported the ROTC program. The Departments promoted and publicized The American Legion ROTC Medals Program by



Harold Brown, then U.S. Defense Secretary, receives a copy of American Legion convention resolutions on national security September 10 in Washington from National Commander Michael Kogutek.

encouraging their Posts to participate in the awarding of medals to outstanding young men and women enrolled in the ROTC program. Posts responded to this encouragement by awarding 687 medals between July 1, 1979 and June 30, 1980. Presentations were made to 236 ROTC units in 34 States and the District of Columbia.

In order to make the cost of the ROTC medals more reasonable, the National Emblem Sales Division has begun a new process for manufacturing the medals. The cost has been reduced substantially. Please consult the National Emblem Sales catalog for the latest price list.

BLOOD DONOR ACTIVITIES:—During the period June 1, 1979 to May 31, 1980, 29 Departments participated in The American Legion Blood Donor program. The Departments of Maine and Rhode Island received the first of two National Commander blood awards for the highest percentage of Post participation—100 percent. The second National Commander award was made to the Department of Maine with 46% of their membership donating blood.

Special emphasis was placed on the Holiday Blood Drive during 1980 in cooperation with the American National Red Cross. The American Legion continues to participate as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Blood Commission by authorization of the NEC at its May 1981 meeting.

CRIME RESISTANCE:—The American Legion National Crime Resistance program continues to be a viable method of community involvement for local American Legion Posts. The Crime Resistance booklet is in its 5th printing. More than 125,000 have been distributed thus far to schools, Auxiliary Units, Legion Posts and other civic groups.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION



James P. Dean (Mississippi), Chairman Thomas J. Haynes (Colorado), Director

The National Internal Affairs Commission is responsible for policies relating to the internal structure and operation of The American Legion at all levels. In addition, all resolutions and other official matters not falling within the area of assigned duties of other national commissions or committees are handled by the Internal Affairs Commission.

Four national standing committees are assigned to the commission for "supervision and coordination"—Constitution and By-Laws; Membership and Post Activities; Resolutions Assignment;

and Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials. The Internal Affairs Commission is also the supervisory body for the Sons of The American Legion organization, and the commission's full-time staff at National Headquarters in Indianapolis (the Internal Affairs Division) provides staff services for the National Contests Supervisory Committee, which itself reports to the National Convention Commission.

Membership

A report of the Membership and Post Activities Committee will be found separately in this publication.

Constitution and By-Laws

The National Constitution and By-Laws can be amended only by action of a National Convention. However, a Constitution and By-Laws Committee does review and make recommendations on all proposed amendments.

Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials

This committee supervises all official national awards (with the exception of those related to uniformed group competition) and recommends to the National Executive Committee recipients of the Distinguished Service Medal, the International Amity Award and the Canadian Friendship Award. This committee also presents to the National Executive Committee its recommendations for miscellaneous awards that have been made since the last meeting of the National Executive Committee.

Resolutions Assignment

The Resolutions Assignment Committee meets only at the annual National Convention. The committee has the responsibility of assigning all resolutions to the appropriate convention committee for report to the convention. The number of resolutions reviewed and assigned prior to the 1980 National Convention totaled more than 773, which is almost twice the number reviewed prior to the 1979 National Convention.

Sons of The American Legion

The Sons of The American Legion continued to grow during 1980. Final membership for 1980 totaled 45,763, a gain of 5,187 over the 40,576 final count for 1979. SAL National Conventions are held in conjunction with the National Conventions of The American Legion. The Tenth National Convention will be held in Honolulu.

Consolidated Post Reports

For the sixth year in a row posts of The American Legion were asked to file a Consolidated Post Report which would allow the national organization to obtain a standard report on all major programs. Approximately forty-four and thirty-nine hundredths (44.39) percent of all posts submitted reports. Reporting posts represented approximately 60% of the total membership with assets in excess of \$526,000,000. Some of the figures were truly

outstanding, such as the following: Cost of athletic teams, 4.7 million dollars; aid given to benefit Children and Youth, 5 million dollars; hours given to community service, 2.5 million hours; cost of uniformed groups, 1.3 million dollars.

The survey conducted in the first half of 1980 indicated that the average amount of dues for American Legion Posts was \$12.00. Much of the money raised by American Legion Posts is done on a volunteer basis and programs are very rarely supported by the amount of dues collected. This points to one of the great strengths of The American Legion — service work to veterans and children and youth and communities.

PUFL

The PUFL (Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Program) is showing a steady gain in acceptance and participation. Since its beginning in July of 1975, approximately 14,890 Legionnaires have utilized the availability of the PUFL Program.

The Energy Policy of The American Legion

Over four years ago the National Executive Committee assigned to the Internal Affairs Commission the primary responsibility for all resolutions concerning energy and environment. A Subcommittee of the Internal Affairs Commission, chaired by J. W. "Bill" Steinsiek (AR), was formed for the purpose of researching all resolutions.

The basic policy of the Energy Subcommittee is one that supports the concept of a national policy to decrease our reliance on foreign fossil fuels and to develop our proven and potential domestic resources.

Since becoming involved in the field of energy, The American Legion has presented testimony in Congress and sponsored numerous energy forums at the national and state level. With the



James P. Dean, Internal Affairs Commission Chairman (left), confers with Secretary of Energy James B. Edwards, during 1981 Washington Conference to discuss continuing cooperative efforts between The American Legion and appropriate offices and agencies of the federal government in the effort to solve the nation's energy problems and reduce reliance on foreign energy sources.

introduction of an energy pledge program over 1,200 posts and units are now receiving timely energy information and programs in cooperation with the Department of Energy, industry and consumer groups.

During the National Convention Mr. Donald L. Bower, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, Standard Oil Company of California, will be a distinguished guest and will speak on the strategic importance of energy.

The direction of The American Legion's involvement in the energy program will remain one of concentration on conservation. We will, however, continue to broaden our monitoring of alternative energy sources in search of energy independence. We recognize that our national security, as well as our economy, is dependent upon our success and the success of other organizations who are now beginning to join us in this important national challenge.

Direct Renewal Program

With the successful development of the National Direct Billing Program, the Internal Affairs Commission and the Membership and Post Activities Committee have begun to investigate an extended use of direct mail as a method of securing new members, organizing new posts, and retaining those who now belong.

First tests completed in June of 1980 have clearly shown that potential members will respond to a direct mail invitation from our organization. It has been recognized, however, that a complete direct mail effort cannot provide the results we desire unless each person responding receives personal attention from the post nearest his (or her) home.

The development of new concepts in membership invitations, while retaining the important one-on-one contact between our members, provides an interesting and exciting challenge for the year ahead.

MEMBERSHIP AND POST ACTIVITIES

Gary W. Sammons (Michigan), Chairman James L. Adcox (North Carolina), Director

Membership Strength

Total official membership, 1980	.2,638,586
1980 membership as of June 1, 1980	.2,576,111
1981 membership as of June 1, 1981	.2.570,247

The 1981 membership year has been one of continued implementation of innovative redirection within the organization. It is quite evident that our membership is becoming younger and more visible as our nation's leaders among veterans. Our enrollment of Vietnam Veterans is increasing and numerous special Vietnam Veteran Posts have been established throughout the organization.

Eligibility Dates Remained Constant in 1980-81

There have been no changes in eligibility dates for membership since the 1979 National Convention in Houston, Texas where new dates were established for Vietnam Veterans (December 22, 1961 to May 7, 1975).

1981 Commanders Who Help America Work

Twenty-five Post Commanders and 15 District Commanders were the recipients of a special award under the National Commander's Membership Awards Program. The 25 Post Commanders were selected from approximately 1,350 Post Commanders whose Posts had achieved an all-time high by March 31. The District Commanders were selected from those districts which exceeded their previous year's membership by May 1, 1981. These special winners will receive a \$300 monetary award as well as a special citation. Several Department Commanders will be selected to receive special recognition for excelling in membership in 1981. These programs are made possible by a special monetary awards system which continues to prove itself as an innovative membership tool.

18th Annual National Membership Workshop

Two National Membership Workshops were held this year in preparation for the 1982 membership year. The workshops were held at National Headquarters in Indianapolis, July 30-31 and August 6-7. The goal of the National Membership Workshop was to achieve a greater participation by individual Legionnaires in examining the membership objective of The American Legion. This exchange of ideas on a national scale continues to be one of the best methods of determining the future of The American Legion. Workshop participants left National Headquarters motivated and prepared to begin another successful membership year.

We are again looking forward to our eight Regional Conferences during which we will take our Membership Workshop to the field. These Regional Conferences are scheduled for September and October.

New Posts

POSTS CHARTERED 5/30/80 to 5/30/81

No. of Posts as of 5/30/80
No. of Posts cancelled as of 5/30/81
No. of new Posts chartered as of 5/30/81104
Total no. of Posts as of 5/30/81

New Post formation in urban areas is one of the most difficult tasks confronting The American Legion. The Membership and Post Activities Committee, in cooperation with the Department of Colorado, developed a "Metropolitan New Post Marketing Plan." This plan has been proven successful and is now being implemented in several Departments. The premise of the plan is that any organization, no matter how great its programs or how large its membership, must continually adjust to the changes of the society it serves. The American Legion and its "Metropolitan New Post Marketing Plan" sets forth a procedure for organizing the core city and reorganizing once active Posts.

Operation "Welcome Back"

Operation "Welcome Back" has significantly surpassed last year's success. This reinstatement program for delinquent members has resulted directly in the renewal of over 13,000 delinquent members. Individual certificates of accomplishment for this program have been mailed to 1,350 Legionnaires in appreciation of

their participation and dedicated effort in reinstating delinquent members. This is also a significant increase over last year's 881 certificates.

This program continues to prove valuable also by assisting National Headquarters in keeping its membership mailing list up to date through changes of address and deletion of deceased members reported on "Welcome Back" cards.

1982 Membership Promotion — "We Help America Work"

During the annual planning session of the Membership and Post Activities Committee held in Indianapolis, January 8-9, 1981, the Committee formulated the membership promotion plan for the 1982 membership year. Several changes have been incorporated in the National Membership Awards Program for 1982 which we felt more effectively and economically recognized outstanding membership accomplishments.

Also, during the MPA planning session, it was the consensus of the Committee to retain our present theme for the 1982 year. The theme is, "We Help America Work." We believe this theme expresses as concisely as possible in one short sentence the value of our great organization. It is our hope that this membership theme and the promotion program which is built around it, along with the several other national membership tools, will help us create the environment necessary for successful membership years in the future.

Direct Marketing Test

In a continuing effort to develop our overall marketing plan for American Legion membership, several tests have been completed utilizing direct market concepts. Our latest series of tests ran the first three weeks in June. We were testing the effectiveness and feasibility of purchased T.V. commercial time to increase the visibility of The American Legion and ultimately to solicit membership. Four American Legion commercials were produced to run during the three-week test period (one 30-second spot and three 10-second spots). Three test markets were selected, based upon population, eligible veteran potential, various demographic findings from our Lou Harris survey, commercial time cost and other factors. The test markets were Portland, Oregon; Charlotte, North Carolina; and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. All totaled, the eligible veteran population in the T.V. viewing area of these three markets was approximately 600,000.

The T.V. commercials permitted immediate response capabilities through the use of a toll free number. Interested viewers were able to call and request additional information about programs or how to join.

Unofficial Membership Awards Early Bird Awards

Fifty-one Departments qualified for Early Bird Awards by surpassing the assigned membership total by the September 26, 1980 Target Date. Awards were earned by: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, France, Georgia, Kansas, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana,

Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Arkansas.

Veterans Day Awards

Fifty-two Departments qualified for Veterans Day Awards by surpassing the assigned membership total by the November 17, 1980 Target Date. Awards were earned by: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, France, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Arkansas.

Goose Egg Competition

Awards were presented to Department Commanders in each of six categories who had the highest percentage of Posts reporting some 1981 membership to National by November 17, 1980. Winners were: Category I — Minnesota, Category II — Florida, Category III — North Dakota, Category IV — New Hampshire, Category V — Delaware, Category VI — France.

Special Certificate of Most Distinguished Service

Special certificates were presented to 1,348 Posts who had re-enrolled by November 11, 1980 their entire previous year's membership, for 1981.

Big Ten Competition

Winning Departments for the 1981 Big Ten Competition are: Category I — Minnesota and Ohio; Category II — Florida and Maryland; Category III — Virginia and Washington; Category IV — South Carolina and New Hampshire; Category V — Wyoming and Delaware.

Year End District Commander Award

Fifty Departments had District Commanders who qualified for Commander Kogutek's December 31st District Commander Awards. Awards were shipped to the following Departments for appropriate presentation to the winning District Commander: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, France, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Post Honor Ribbon

Post Honor Ribbons were shipped to 3,215 Posts whose 1981 membership as of December 31, 1980 equalled or exceeded their total 1980 membership.

Certificate of Meritorious Service

These Certificates were awarded to 691 Posts which by December 31, 1980 had enrolled an advance membership for 1981 equaling or surpassing the Post's previous All-Time-High.

The American Legion Birthday Award— Post of Distinction

6,379 Posts qualified for the above award by having enrolled by March 17, 1981 a membership for 1981 equaling or exceeding the total 1980 membership in addition to carrying on basic programs throughout the year.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION



William F. Lenker (South Dakota), Chairman Robert E. Lyngh (Colorado), Director

When one views the vast service program in effect in the Posts and at the Department and National levels of The American Legion, it is clear that Legionnaires regard the rehabilitation and welfare of war veterans, their dependents and survivors as the prime responsibility of our organization. Consistent with that belief, the delegates to the Sixty-Second National Convention last August adopted a broad program calling for legislative and administrative action during the 1980-1981 year.

Among the most important pieces of veterans legislation before Congress this year in which The American Legion is vitally interested is the overriding issue involving funding for all Veterans Administration programs. At the time this article was being prepared it was anticipated that some reductions for veterans programs would be effected for Fiscal Year 1982 (which commences October 1, 1981). The details on these proposed cuts are presently in a state of negotiation within the Congress, and it is not yet possible to predict just how much in cuts Congress will approve, or what funds it may put back into the VA budget regardless of the President's wishes.

This Commission, in several appearances before Congressional Committees over the past several weeks, has consistently

expressed its deep concern with regard to the operation of the VA Department of Medicine and Surgery. The VA system presently consists of 172 hospitals, 222 outpatient clinics, 92 nursing home care units and 16 domiciliaries. In the 172 hospitals there are at present about 82,800 beds, with an average daily patient census in excess of 67,000. Any curtailment in the VA budget for this program would, in fact, because of its sensitivity and balance seriously damage its ability to render either the quality or quantity of health care to veterans. While we may not be able to foresee at this time what final action will resolve once the Congress responds to budget requests, we can be certain of one thingproposed reductions in personnel and additional shortfalls in funding would result in nothing short of disaster. And, The American Legion is not going to sit still and let these things happen. The American Legion will not silently accept cutbacks in veterans programs in the name of economy. The nation owes more than that to its war veterans. The question of an adequate VA budget has already occupied a considerable time frame of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission to date, and we expect to make additional vigorous presentations on the subject in order to achieve full funding of veterans benefits programs.

As we move along further into the legislative year other significant matters will be faced by the Commission. Part of the subject of funding for veterans programs is the renovation and replacement of VA medical facilities. This program is also in jeopardy. Over the past number of years the VA has engaged in a broad, ongoing and long-range program to update many of the hospital structures which have become old and outdated. Some of these structures are now 30 years old, and while this does not seem like too long a period, it must be realized that changes in medical technology and treatment modalities have been so extensive and profound that these structures are not configured to meet the designs required in today's medicine. It has only been in recent years that large sums, approved by Congress, have been made available to bring the program of renovation and replacement up to schedule. The current move to effect delays in this program can only give rise to grave suspicions that a plan is afoot



National Commander Michael J. Kogutek presents American Legion testimony to the House Committee on Veterans Affairs on behalf of American Veterans. The National Commander is accompanied by W. F. Lenker (center), chairman of the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, and R. E. Lyngh, director of the VA&R Commission. to cancel the renovation program and thus begin a piecemeal dismantling of the VA hospital system.

The long-range health effects of Agent Orange on those veterans who served in Vietnam during the time it was used as a defoliant, is a serious concern of The American Legion. A significant number of service personnel who served in Vietnam and were exposed to Agent Orange have subsequently developed disabilities and other disorders, all of which are allegedly caused by exposure to a chemical known as "dioxin" which is contained in Agent Orange. There is no conclusive scientific evidence that dioxin exposure has any effect on humans except a skin condition called chloracne. However, because of the allegations that it causes these other diseases, the VA was mandated by Public Law 96-151 to undertake a scientific study of the effects of dioxin exposure on veterans. Unfortunately, this study has become mired in bureaucracy to the point that very little progress has been made. As a result of a resolution approved during the 1980 National convention, we have had introduced in Congress a measure calling for Congress to assign this study to an independent scientific body, in order to reassure veterans that the results of the study will be objective and scientifically valid. In addition, the Legion is actively counseling and assisting veterans claiming exposure with their claims for VA benefits, and we continue to monitor the Agent Orange screening program in VA medical facilities throughout the country.

We have already appeared before the House and Senate Committees on Veterans Affairs, supporting cost-of-living increases in both compensation and DIC, and recommended that the rates be increased to a level consistent with advances in the Consumer Price Index. Rates of compensation and DIC were last increased effective October 1, 1980, and for those entitled to receive these benefits to keep pace with the increasing costs of goods and services, the rates payable must respond to cost-of-living increases. In spite of continued pressure for fiscal austerity, we are confident the Congress will continue to responsibly address the genuine needs of these veterans, and their dependents and survivors.

The general policy line of the National Organization is that the current Improved Pension Program is basically a good program,



Chester F. Stellar, Vice-Chairman, National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, greets Dr. Donald L. Custis, Chief Medical Director, Veterans Administration, as a guest speaker at 1981 VA&R Conference.

and one in which the Congress has been as generous as possible. We do feel, however, that some necessary changes are needed in the program. We have already had introduced in the Congress legislation calling for improved benefits for widows and orphans. We have now had considerable time to study the restructured program and have concluded that the income levels for survivors is unrealistically low, causing genuine hardships for widows and children who need those benefits to economically survive. The Legion's continued effort will be to assure that these necessary adjustments in the pension program will be satisfactorily addressed in the Congress.

The staff of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission is pleased to report that the mandates set forth in those resolutions approved at the 1980 National Convention relating to improvements in the veterans benefits program have already been presented to the 97th Congress. Many of our legislative objectives are yet to be accomplished. The Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission and its staff will continue their efforts to achieve the goals mandated by the National Convention and the National Executive Committee to improve the veterans benefits programs administered by the Veterans Administration.



National Commander Michael J. Kogutek addresses Department Service Officers breakfast.



Pictured above are the 1981-82 officers of the Department Service Officers Association. They are (left to right): Benjamin Truskoski (CT), Vice President; Al Krank (CA), President; Charles Hall (IN), Chaplain; Mike D'Arco, (NM), Sergeant-at-Arms; and Fred Heinle (WI), Secretary-Treasurer.

ECONOMIC COMMISSION



Frank Kelly (Georgia), Chairman

James G. Bourie (District of Columbia), Director

A fundamental responsibility of The American Legion, the economic wellbeing of all veterans, is vested in the National Economic Commission and its two affiliated committees, Employment and Veterans Preference. Economic mandates emanating from either the National Convention or National Executive Committee cover a wide variety of matters, of which employment in the private and federal sector, and of the handicapped, as well as housing, and business loans, are a few.

The new Administration's mandate for change will have a profound impact on veterans programs; one is in veterans preference and programs within the federal government. In a meeting with the Honorable Donald J. Devine, Director of the United States Office of Personnel Management, Economic Director James G. Bourie voiced concern over the vast erosion of the Veterans Preference Act of 1944 and provisions of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 as they pertain to veterans. Later, Mr. Devine, appearing before the House Veterans Affairs Committee, stated that, ". . . President Reagan and I are fully committed to assuring full compliance by the Executive Branch with the intent of Congress and the courts concerning veterans' preference . . ."

This significant and dynamic departure from past attitudes and



National Economic Commission Chairman Frank A. Kelly, of Savannah, Ga., meets with Secretary of Labor Raymond Donovan to discuss employment matters of mutual interest.

policies, sets the tone for future dealings, particularly as the federal government begins to implement plans for a reduction in force. Mr. Devine's policies also extend to the special hiring programs for Vietnam era veterans and 30 percent disabled veterans, programs previously under-utilized by federal agencies.

The Economic Commission also was successful in convincing OPM to take corrective action when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued instructions on methods of evading veterans preference to ensure appointment of individuals to satisfy requirement of affirmative action.

In October of 1980, President Carter signed into law PL 96-466, satisfying many Legion economic mandates regarding the Veterans Employment Service and the Department of Labor. That law, in part, provides for an Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans Employment, to be responsible for all veterans programs in the Department of Labor; provides clerical support to each of the State Directors of Veterans Employment, and transforms the highly successful Disabled Veterans Outreach Program from an administrative program to a legally mandated program. Only when such programs as the Veterans Employment Service, Office of Veterans Reemployment Rights, and veterans programs of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs are realigned under the Assistant Secretary for Veterans Employment will he be able to fully accomplish the task of promoting veterans employment.

In the past few years, veterans employment and training emphasis has been in programs under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA), with disappointingly low participation; due, in large measure, to the eligibility requirements which preclude most veterans, especially Vietnam era veterans. The Administration now intends to allow the states the responsibility of deciding how to utilize funds, based on state/local employment training needs.

The Small Business Administration has done little or nothing under "special consideration" for veterans as promulgated in the Small Business Act of 1974. In response, the National Economic Commission reauthorized a five-member Special Subcommittee



Donald Devine, Director, Office of Personnel Management, meets with James G. Bourie, American Legion Director for Economics. Bourie fills the Economic Director's position vacated by the retirement of Austin Kerby.

on Small Business, whose initial recommendation was for a Legion program of awareness and involvement with the SBA, soliciting the support of all departments of the Legion and of the American Legion Auxiliary. A result was Legion sponsorship of 20 percent of all 1980 SBA veterans workshops; more than any other service organization.

As home interest rates rise, so, too, do veterans' frustration levels, as each increase diminishes their chances of home ownership. The National Economic Commission seeks the reinstatement of the Direct Loan Program, which was eliminated in 1980 as a so-called budget saving move. This program assisted hundreds of thousands of veterans in rural areas of the country where lenders are often unavailable.

Under the National Employment Committee, "Jobs for Veterans" continues as a priority program. In 1980, 106 National awards were presented to employers for the employment and retention of veterans. At the 63rd Annual National Convention the National Commander will present two special awards to two companies, a large and a small, as an outstanding "Employer of the Year for Hiring Veterans."

Two other awards programs are promoted with designated weeks set aside for emphasis, although departments may apply for and present these employment awards at any time during the



National Commander Michael J. Kogutek meets with then Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall, accompanied by Austin Kerby (third from right) who retired the first of the year from his position as Director of Economics, and James Bourie (right), a former attorney with the Department of Labor who has succeeded Kerby as the Legion's National Economics Director.



The American Legion Employer of the Year Award for employment of veterans, sponsored by the National Economics Division, is displayed here by Mr. David J. DeLeo, manager, Babbitt Division, Reserve Mining Company, who is flanked by Austin Kerby, recently retired Director of Economics and Conrad J. Erickson, employment chairman of The American Legion of Minnesota.

year. One of our legislative efforts before the Congress is to have the second full week in March designated by the President each year as "National Employ the Older Worker Week," just as the first full week in October is observed as "National Employ the Handicapped Week." The Economic Commission also presents flags that have been flown over the Capitol to the ten federal and five Postal Service employees annually honored as outstanding handicapped employees.

The Director served on a committee which successfully coordinated a mini-conference on aging veterans which produced proposed resolutions to be brought to the 1981 White House Conference on Aging for consideration. It is important that delegates to the Conference be aware of the distinctive needs of aging veterans.

Another concern of the Economic Commission is "Catch-62," a "no win" situation for veterans employed by the federal government. At age 62, civil service retirees eligible for social security benefits must have their annuities recomputed, omitting all credit for any military service after 1956, with a loss of annuity of between 3 and 54 percent. The Economic Commission has published a brief brochure on "Catch-62," urging hearings on remedial legislation introduced in both houses of Congress.

As always, the economic staff stands ready to advise veterans with employment problems, or any other difficulties under the jurisdiction of the National Economic Commission.

FINANCE COMMISSION



Churchill T. Williams (Iowa), Chairman Webber LaGrange (Indiana), National Treasurer Paul M. Allen (Minnesota), Finance Director

The primary obligation of the Finance Commission is to prepare a yearly budget for submission to the National Executive Comittee. While this is our primary responsibility, we have several other responsibilities to the organization. Among these: review four times annually expenditures of the various divisions and the organization as a whole; make recommendations to the National Executive Committee concerning appropriations; and make recommendations concerning per capita tax. The Finance Commission consists of seven members, with the National Adjutant as ex-officio secretary and the National Commander and National Treasurer as ex-officio members.

Presently, the National Organization receives from your dues \$3.50 per member, which is allocated as follows:

\$.25 to Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

\$1.50 to The American Legion Magazine

\$1.75 to the General Fund

The \$3.50 per member has been sufficient since our last per capita increase in 1975 to carry on the programs of The American Legion, but the budgetary margin of safety has been slowly disappearing each year under extremely high inflationary times. Our organization is experiencing the ravages of inflation just as you are at home.

We had a year ending 1980 surplus of \$600,000 largely due to higher returns on investments. Gross sales in Emblem were much greater than anticipated and *Magazine* advertisements reduced *Magazine* expenses much lower than budgeted. These three factors, as well as prudent management, have enabled us to delay or postpone a dues increase these past few years. We will continue to use every available method to curb costs; however, in all likelihood, we will experience a deficit year in 1981.

We could cut appropriations to the various programs of The American Legion, but we have additional obligations to members. As members ourselves, we know why this organization was founded—service to the veteran, their dependents, their orphans and widows. Therefore, not wanting to curtail service, not wanting to compromise the quality of our programs and wanting an organization which any veteran can afford to join, it was imperative that the Finance Commission recommend to the National Executive Committee in May a \$2.00 per capita dues increase which you will have the opportunity to vote on at this National Convention. We ask for your support to keep this organization as effective, strong and viable as it has been for the past 63 years. It's a small price to pay for continued excellence.

A full financial statement is incorporated in the Auditor's Report, and in addition, your attention is directed to the reports of Committees and Trusts which are the responsibility of this Commission and can be found elsewhere in this program.

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc. American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee American Legion Emblem Committee American Legion Overseas Graves Decoration Trust.

CONDENSED REPORT ON NATIONAL EMBLEM SALES DIVISION

Clayton C. Schlick (Iowa), Chairman Alfred L. Lankenau, Jr. (Indiana), General Manager

The American Legion emblem is the exclusive property of the National Headquarters. The sale of the emblem, emblem pins, merchandise carrying the emblem and other items of organizational equipment is the responsibility of the National Headquarters in Indianapolis. The following tables show gross sales, net earnings, etc., for the entire calendar year 1980 and for the first three months of 1981.

January 1 to December 31, 1980 (12 months)

Gross sales\$4,020,770
Cost of goods sold
Overhead1,053,738
Operating profit including discounts taken526,685

(Number of orders processed for first 3 months of 1980 was 15,180.)

January 1 to March 31, 1981 (3 months)

Gross sales
Cost of goods sold
Overhead
Operating profit including discounts taken 219,391

(Number of orders processed for first 3 months of 1981 was 16,779.)

THE AMERICAN LEGION LIFE INSURANCE AND TRUST COMMITTEE

Harold E. Heinly (California), Chairman Gene L. Fattig (Indiana), Director

The American Legion Life Insurance Plan now in its 23rd year, was officially adopted by the National Executive Committee in Washington, D.C., on February 22, 1958. The Plan is one of the outstanding "Fringe Benefits" offered by membership. The Insurance Committee is assigned for jurisdictional purposes to the National Finance Commission, and reports through the Commission to the National Executive Committee. The Insurance Department is staffed by a National Headquarters employee who serves as Director of the Insurance Office, which is administered by the Youngberg-Carlson Company, Inc., housed in Chicago, Illinois.

Your Insurance Committee has met two times since the last report and is pleased to again announce that the Plan continues to experience growth. This is due in part, to the fact that The American Legion has recognized a need for keeping pace with the nation's economy. Consequently, the committee has periodically sought approval from the National Executive Committee to increase the maximum number of units for which members could apply under the Plan. The most recent action in that respect occurred January 1, 1980, when the maximum number of available units was increased from six (6) to eight (8). Legionnaires who were eligible for a maximum of \$60,000 protection before, can now apply for coverage up to \$80,000 in the Legion Life Insurance Plan.

The National Executive Committee passed a resolution granting a 20 percent "across the board increase" in all death benefits for the calendar year 1981. This is the 12th time, in the 23 year history in which an increase of this nature has been made. Example: The \$80,000 policy becomes \$96,000 and a \$10,000 benefit is worth \$12,000. The astounding fact is that cost per unit has never increased. It remains only \$24.00 a year.

This is a group plan, in fact, the largest (numerically speaking) of its kind in the country. It is underwritten by the Occidental Life Insurance Company of California. The coverage is arranged under a group policy for members in all states except permanent residents of Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas and Wisconsin, who are insured under individual policies. The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York insures permanent residents of New York State and Puerto Rico.

The Insurance Plan is a polished tool, designed to attract the Vietnam aged war veterans, as well as help to retain members. Membership workers should not overlook this "fringe benefit program" when working to increase their post's membership.

Premiums and/or contributions paid for 1980 coverage amounted to \$5,459,932. Contributions have continued to grow throughout the years. After the close of each calendar year and after all claims and administrative expenses have been paid in the Group States, the unused premiums are placed in The American Legion Life Insurance Trust. There is in excess of \$4 million in this Trust Fund.

The American Legion Life Insurance Trust has for some years helped support the National Oratorical Contests and The American Legion Baseball Program. The expenditures for 1981 include \$300,150 for the Baseball Program and the Awards for Oratorical Contests are as follows: \$16,000 for 1st Place; \$10,000 for 2nd Place; \$6,000 for 3rd Place; and \$4,000 for 4th Place. In addition each of our 58 Department winners attending the regional contest receives a \$500.00 scholarship award to each of the twelve contestant winners at the Sectional contest. Fifteen thousand dollars go to the Junior Uniformed Groups at the National Convention and \$100,000 for the Boys' Nation Program. Without question, these programs, do much to help shape tomorrow's leaders.

Over the past 23 years more than 21,000 death claims have been paid, totaling over \$36 million in benefits. During 1981, 1,198,504 Legionnaires who have been members of The American Legion from 1 to 15 years received a three flight mailing alerting them to the fringe benefit of membership and given an application to file if desired. In addition, over 57,000 Legionnaires enrolled in the Insurance Plan received a computer letter

AMERICAN LEGION LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUM GROWTH 1958 THRU 1980 5 MILLION 800 600 400 4 MILLION 800 600 400 \$3 216 50 3 MILLION 800 600 400 200 400 1965 - \$1,412,305 1964 - \$1,300,187 1963 - \$1,178,000 1962 - \$840,000 200 1 AM 600

reminding them that the Plan provides additional units, and should they wish to increase their present coverage, just execute the application provided. Also approximately 200,000 new members will be informed of this program. During calendar year 1981, approximately \$258,000 will have been spent for advertising in The American Legion Magazine.

Each year, on or about Oct. 15, all insured Legionnaires are requested to report their next year's membership card number when tendering remittance to cover the annual premium due for the next calendar year.

Remember, your American Legion Life Insurance Plan always pays in addition to any other life insurance benefits; it is not intended in any way to replace any existing coverage you may have. It simply makes possible thousands of dollars of extra security at incredibly low cost.

For further information write to The American Legion Life Insurance Plan, 222 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601, Attention: Gene L. Fattig, Director.

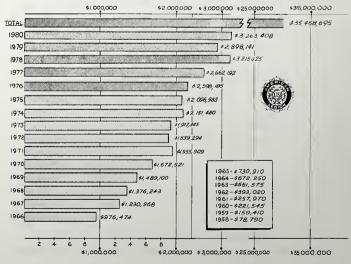
NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION



Keith A. Kreul (Wisconsin), Chairman Mylio S. Kraja (Ohio), Director

The primary mission of the National Legislative Commission is to promote the legislative mandates of The American Legion before the Congress of the United States. The legislative program followed by the Commission is dictated by resolutions adopted at

AMERICAN LEGION LIFE INSURANCE PAID CLAIMS 1958-MARCH 31, 1981



either a National Convention or meetings of the National Executive Committee.

The Legislative Commission does not set policy for The American Legion. The Commission, through its Washington, D. C. legislative staff, concentrates its efforts on carrying out Legion objectives. The National Legislative News Bulletin and other Legion publications help to keep the members of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary abreast of Congressional activity affecting the veteran and his family.

During the second session of the 96th Congress The American Legion submitted or delivered testimony on 39 topics. A large portion of this testimony was directly related to veterans benefits and services.

An important measure which became P.L. 96-330, was initially vetoed by President Carter one day after he pledged support for improved health care in the VA hospital system at the Legion's National Convention. Commander Kogutek, working with the Legislative Commission, devised a strategy to override the Presidential veto. This bill became law on August 26, 1981, providing improved VA physician salaries and extablishing a VA health care personnel scholarship program designed to aid in recruiting and retaining qualified health care personnel.

The "Veterans Disability Compensation and Housing Benefits Amendment Act of 1981" provided a much-needed cost-of-living increase for more than two million disabled veterans and their dependents. This bill also increased the maximum home loan guaranty entitlement as well as VA housing grants.

The Veterans Education and Employment-Modernization Program, (P.L. 96-466) provided a cost-of-living increase for veterans pursuing GI Bill training and vocational rehabilitation. Under the new legislation the VA rehabilitation program was restructured with provisions to strengthen veterans' employment services.

In the area of Foreign Relations the enactment of intelligence oversight legislation (P.L. 96-450) was felt to be long overdue by The American Legion. This measure reduces Congressional oversight of the CIA from eight committees to the two Intelligence Committees and thereby reduces the risk of leaks of the nation's most sensitive secrets.

National Security enjoyed several gains in the areas of military



National Commander Michael J. Kogutek presents The American Legion's National Legislative Award to Mack G. Flemming, chief counsel to the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, during the 1981 Washington Conference.

benefits and defense authorizations. The DoD Authorization Act (P.L. 96-342) and Military Manpower Management Act (P.L. 96-343) were specifically designed to boost military personnel pay and benefits and are felt to be vital to our nation's security by The American Legion. These measures provide an 11.7 percent pay increase for all military personnel effective October 1, 1980, which was meant to serve as an aid for recruitment. They also contain provisions focused largely on retention of military careerists, improving benefits for both officers and enlisted personnel.

Several issues in Americanism were addressed by the 96th Congress. Many years of work by The American Legion finally paid off with the enactment of National Patriotism Week (P.L. 96-421) which designated the week beginning with the third Monday in February of 1981 as "National Patriotism Week." Our efforts were again rewarded with the passage of P.L. 96-485, marking that week in November which includes Thanksgiving Day as "National Family Week."

A bill recently enacted by the 97th Congress reflects the exhaustive efforts and increasing dedication of The American Legion to the Vietnam Era veterans of our nation. President Reagan signed P.L. 97-9 into law on April 14, 1981, designating April 26 as Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day. The American Legion sponsored a ceremony in conjunction with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund at Constitution Gardens in Washington, D. C., to pay a long overdue tribute to those veterans who served in Vietnam.



Commander Kogutek welcomes Senator Alan Simpson, Chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee and Senator Strom Thurmond, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee to the Congressional reciption given by the National Legislative Commission during the 1981 Washington Conference.



A highlight of the Legislative Commission's hill day rally held during the Washington Conference was the presentation by Commander Kogutek of The Distinguished Public Service Award. Congressman Jack Kemp was the recepient of this award, given in recognition of his "spirited leadership."

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

The major affiliated organization of The American Legion is the American Legion Auxiliary, nearly a million members strong, which was authorized by action of the Legion's First Annual National Convention in Minneapolis, Minn. in 1919.

It is the firm opinion of The American Legion that no more loyal, cooperative and supportive Auxiliary is to be found anywhere in the spectrum of service, or any other type of organization, than that exemplified by the relationship between the Legion and its Auxiliary.

The American Legion Auxiliary is made up of wives, mothers, sisters, daughters and granddaughters of American veterans of honorable service in World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam, and who are eligible for membership in The American Legion.

The philosophy, principles and policies of The American Legion and Auxiliary are parallel, and each is dedicated to service to God and country. Individual programs initiated by one or the other of the two organizations may differ from time to time, but the ultimate objective always is the same—SERVICE.

The Auxiliary is always there with its whole-hearted support whenever the Legion launches on a new, or special project. One such event during the present Legion-Auxiliary year has been the drive for funds from the private sector to help finance the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to be constructed in the nation's capital, near the Lincoln Memorial.

Action of the 1980 National Convention authorized support of the project. The Auxiliary's national president joined in the March 16 program in Arlington National Cemetery when The American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal was presented to Arlington National Cemetery before the Tomb of the Unknowns, to be displayed permanently in a place of honor in memory of the dead and missing in action from the Vietnam War.

The Legion-Auxiliary Vietnam Memorial fund-raising program, to honor all who served during the period of warfare, actually was launched over the Memorial Day weekend with the cooperative effort of Indianapolis 500-mile race driver Tom Sneva, and his car owners, George Bignotti and Dan Cotter, who helped bring nation-wide attention to the program by dedicating the race-day performance of their car to the drive.

The National President accompanied the National Commander to the Speedway's "Gasoline Alley" the week before Sneva qualified his car for the Memorial Day classic with the fastest time in the starting field.

Legislative efforts by the American Legion Auxiliary on behalf of programs which The American Legion believes are needed by



America's veteran population are aggressive and effective, just as is their work in the Veterans Administration Volunteer Service program in VA hospitals to which they devote countless hours of time each year.

This program also is a part of the Auxiliary's Memorial Day Poppy program, which serves both the hospitalized veteran and others. The poppies are made by hospitalized veterans, providing a therapeutic rehabilitation project. In addition, they are paid for their efforts, which also helps take care of some of their personal needs while they are hospitalized.

Proceeds from the poppy program are plowed back into the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation work of the Legion and Auxiliary and to the Children & Youth programs of the organizations.

This year's National President of the Auxiliary is Mrs. Lyle (Dora) Seymour of Bird City, Kansas, who also had served two terms as mayor of her home community prior to her election as National Vice President, then National President of the American Legion Auxiliary. Elected at the Auxiliary's Boston National Convention in 1980, she will serve to, and preside over the 1981 National Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, where her successor will be named.

The Eight and Forty is an affiliate of the Auxiliary, making it an affiliate of The American Legion. The principal emphasis of the Eight and Forty for programming is directed to the problems of youth and specifically to the area of assistance to those suffering lung and respiratory disease. A number of nursing scholarships are provided each year to individuals in the nursing profession who wish to enhance their knowledge and skills in this area of health care. The Eight and Forty also contributes to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation which uses the funds for grants in aid to organizations conducting research and disseminating information on respiratory diseases.



Auxiliary National President Mrs. Lyle (Dora) Seymour visits the spring meeting of the National Executive Committee at Legion Headquarters in Indianapolis to make Auxiliary monetary contributions to the ongoing programs of the Legion. National President Dora presented three checks to National Commander Kogutek totaling \$50,000. One check for \$20,000 was earmarked for Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation work. Another \$20,000 was dedicated to Children & Youth work, and \$10,000 was given to Child Welfare Foundation.

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March 23, 1981

Michael J. Kogutek, National Commander, The American Legion National Headquarters, Indianapolis, Indiana.

We have examined the balance sheet of The American Legion National Headquarters we have examined the parance sheet of the American Legion National headquarters as of December 31, 1980 and 1979 and the related statement of revenue, expenses and Dear Commander Kogutek: changes in fund balances for the year ended December 31, 1980. Our examinations were made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly the financial position of The American Legion National Headquarters at December 31, 1980 and 1979 and the results of its operations and changes in its fund balances for the year ended December 31, 1980, in conformity with generally accepted accounting year ended becomber 31, 1900, in contountly with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, except for the change, with which we concur, in the method of recording interest income, as explained in note 2 to the financial statements.

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Balance Sheet

	December 31	
	1980	1979
ASSETS		
CURRENT FUND:		
Cash	\$ 271,003	\$ 571,519
Emblem Division	79,312	84,548
Publications Division	271,763	212,868
Other	69,781	35,055
Accrued interest on investments—note 2	346,446	
Emblem Division	850,967	640,557
Publications Division	862,896	859,045
Prepaid expenses and supplies	153,512	170,402
Postal deposits and other advances	158,989	153,075
	3,064,669	2,727,069
Investments—notes 2 and 3:	5 5 5 5 5 5	
Segregated for Weshington, D.C. huilding	5,752,547	5,388,601
Segregated for Washington, D.C. building Other	433,498	418,545
Outer	8,519,139	8,557,060
	14,705,184	14,364,206
Property and equipment: Washington, D.C. real estate:		
Land	80,000	80,000
Building Furniture, fixtures, and equipment in: National Headquarters building,	765,117	765,117
Indianapolis, Indiana	928,221	787,050
Washington, D.C. building	279,737	253,187
	2,053,075	1,885,354
Deduct: Accumulated depreciation	1,114,588	1,051,939
	938,487	833,415
	18,708,340	17,924,690
NONEXPENDABLE FUNDS—note 6: Overseas Graves Decoration Fund:		
Uninvested cash	9,117	6,639
Accrued interest on investments	6,377	• • • • •
Investments	417,007	394,401
	432,501	401,040
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund:		
Uninvested cash	1,358	7,680
Accrued interest on investments	22,044	1 167 150
Investments	1,599,826	1,167,158
	1,623,228	1,174,838
	\$20,764,069	<u>\$19,500,568</u>

See notes to financial statements.

	December 31	
	1980	1979
LIABILITIES AND FUNDS		
CURRENT FUND:		
Liabilities:	¢ 660.773	¢ 507.675
Accounts payable	\$ 669,772 128,718	\$ 597,675 116,089
Life Insurance Trust	259,096	636,754
Deferred dues income Provision for health insurance liability Other liabilities	7,291,849 25,000	7,155,089
	23,502	22,822
Total liabilities	8,397,937	8,528,429
Fund balance—notes 4 and: Restricted funds: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Fund	602,853	801,791
Children and Youth Fund	65,126	77,973
Freedom Bell Fund	144,448	155,400
Other restricted funds	84,741	96,081
The Restricted Fund—note 3	3,613,462	3,253,376
The Reserve Fund—note 3	2,139,085	2,135,225
Appropriated funds	6,649,715 1,477,474 2,183,214	6,519,846 1,648,701
Total fund balance	10,310,403	<u>1,227,714</u> 9,396,261
	18,708,340	17,924,690
NONEXPENDABLE FUNDS—note 6: Overseas Graves Decoration Fund:		
Fund balance	432,501	401,040
	432,501	401,040
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund:		
Fund balance	1,623,228	1,174,838
		1,1/4,030
	\$20,764,069	\$19,500,568

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances Current Fund

Year Ended

	Unappropriated	Appropriated Funds
REVENUE:		
National dues	\$ 8,580,218	
Sales of Emblem items	4,009,883	
Advertising revenue	2,618,876	
Investment income American Legion Endowment Fund	1,169,464	
Corporation income received		
Amounts withdrawn from The American Legion	504.001	
Life Insurance Trust—note 7	504,281	
Restricted contributions		
Other income	525,569	
	17,408,291	
EXPENSES:		
Salaries	3,421,443	
Employee benefits	747,739	
Cost of Emblem items sold	2,440,347	
Direct publication expenses	5,585,272	
Executive and staff travel	499,577	
Commission and committee	800,432	
Operational	1,227,450	
Office	820,101	
Occupancy	703,771	
Special projects and programs	629,124	
	16,875,256	
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES BEFORE CUMULATIVE		
EFFECT OF A CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE	533,035	
CUMULATIVE EFFECT TO DECEMBER 31, 1979 OF A CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE—note 2	251,238	
	231,236	
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	784,273	
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,227,714	\$ 1,648,701
INTERFUND TRANSFERS—note 5	171,227	(171,227)
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$ 2,183,214	\$ 1,477,474
PRO FORMA AMOUNTS—assuming the new method		

See notes to financial statements.

of recording interest income was applied

December 31

1980		1979	
Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Current Fund	Total Current Fund	
A (50 500	* 0.220.000	¢ 0.211.940	
\$ 659,672	\$ 9,239,890	\$ 9,211,840	
	4,009,883	3,405,287	
200.054	2,618,876	2,257,923 1,028,007	
298,954	1,468,418	1,028,007	
593,711	593,711	525,000	
44,000	548,281	331,419	
50,290	50,290	49,663	
,	525,569	517,381	
1,646,627	19,054,918	17,326,520	
921,351	4,342,794	4,017,830	
276,540	1,024,279	1,032,044	
	2,440,347	2,078,487	
	5,585,272	4,936,760	
57,188	556,765	389,508	
28,489	828,921	715,645	
85,467	1,312,917	1,037,426	
63,703	883,804	914,214	
	703,771	580,084	
156,397	785,521	661,618	
1,589,135	18,464,391	16,363,616	
57,492	590,527	962,904	
72.277	222 615		
72,377	323,615		
129,869	914,142	962,904	
6,519,846	9,396,261	8,433,357	
	<u></u>		
\$6,649,715	\$10,310,403	\$ 9,396,261	
(Exhibit B Sheet 2)			
	\$ 590,527	\$ 1,068,481	
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Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances
Designated and Restricted Funds
Year Ended December 31, 1980

Designated	Funds

	Restricted Fund	Reserve Fund
REVENUE:	Fulla	Fullu
National dues		
Investment income	\$ 287,709	\$ 3,860
American Legion Endowment Fund		
Corporation income received		
Funds received for oratorical		
contest prizes—note 7		
Restricted contributions		
EXPENSES:	<u>287,709</u>	3,860
Salaries		
Employee benefits		
Staff travel		
Commission and committee		
Operational		
Office		
Special projects and programs		
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES		
BEFORE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF A CHANGE IN		
ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE	287,709	3,860
	207,709	2,000
CUMULATIVE EFFECT TO DECEMBER 31, 1979 OF A		
CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE—note 2	<u>72,377</u>	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	360,086	3,860
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,253,376	2,135,225
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$3,613,462	\$2,139,085

Restricted Funds

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Fund	Children And Youth Fund	Freedom Bell Fund	Other Restricted Funds	Total Designated And Restricted Funds
\$ 659,672			\$ 7,385	\$ 659,672 298,954
415,598	\$ 178,113			593,711
20,010 1,095,280	22,250 200,363		44,000 8,030 59,415	44,000 50,290 1,646,627
836,037 250,923 51,168	85,314 25,617 6,020			921,351 276,540 57,188
30,003 51,397 74,690	28,489 55,464 12,306	\$ 10,952	70,755	28,489 85,467 63,703 156,397
1,294,218	213,210	10,952	70,755	1,589,135
(198,938)	(12,847)	(10,952)	(11,340)	57,492
(198,938)	(12,847)	(10,952)	(11,340)	72,377 129,869
801,791	77,973	155,400_	96,081	6,519,846
\$ 602,853	<u>\$ 65,126</u>	\$ 144,448	\$ 84,741	\$6,649,715
				(Exhibit B Sheet 1)

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1—SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

General: The American Legion National Headquarters (the Legion) is a national veterans organization which was declared to be a corporate body by an Act of Congress on September 16, 1919. The Legion acquired all of the assets and assumed all of the liabilities of the predecessor unincorporated national organization of the same name.

Basis of Presentation: The Legion generally reports for financial statement purposes on the accrual method of accounting, recognizing income when earned and expenses when incurred.

The Legion maintains its accounts on a fund accounting basis wherein the accountability for certain segments of its operations are presented in specific designated and restricted fund balances. Further, the Legion has designated certain amounts for future projects or purposes, which amounts are presented as appropriated funds in the accompanying financial statements.

The revenue and expenses of nonexpendable funds are not included in the Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Balances—Current Fund, but, rather, are recorded directly to the nonexpendable funds involved as set forth in the footnotes to the financial statements.

Accounts Receivable: The direct charge-off method is used to account for losses in collection of accounts receivable. An allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable is considered unnecessary by the Legion because all significant accounts expected to be uncollectible have been written off. Bad debts expense consists of accounts written off, net of recoveries.

Inventories: Inventories, which consist of Emblem items held for sale and magazine paper and publication rights, are valued at the lower of cost or market. Supplies which are not intended for sale are expensed when purchased.

Investments: Investments are recorded at cost with any premiums or discounts on U. S. Government obligations recognized at the time of disposal or maturity of the investment involved.

Property and Equipment: Furniture, fixtures and equipment are carried at cost and depreciated beginning in the year after they are acquired on the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the assets involved. Leasehold improvements and repairs are expensed when incurred.

Depreciation on the Washington, D. C. building, which was constructed in 1951, is computed on the straight-line method using a fifty-year life. Beginning in 1969, investments approximately equal to the accumulated depreciation on the building have been segregated. Income on these investments is unrestricted.

Income: Dues are recognized as income in the applicable membership period which is on a calendar-year basis.

Pension Plan: The Legion has a defined-benefit pension plan covering substantially all of its employees, as well as those of certain affiliated and subordinated groups. The plan was established in 1944 by vote of the Legion's National Convention. Contributions to the plan are made by the Legion and other participating groups on the basis of annual actuarial valuations. The annual cost, as determined by the actuary, is computed using the aggregate-cost method and includes in normal cost any past service costs.

Federal Income Tax: The Legion is exempt from federal income tax (except on unrelated business income) under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code.

NOTE 2—CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING METHOD:

Effective January 1, 1980, the Legion changed its method of recording interest income to the accrual method. Previously, the Legion had recorded interest income when received. The new method more accurately measures the results of operations for the year. The effect of the change was to increase the excess of revenue over expenses in 1980 by \$420,102.

NOTE 3-INVESTMENTS (CURRENT FUND):

The cost and market value of Current Fund investments are as follows:

	December 31			
	1980		1979	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
Segregated for Designated Funds: U. S. Government obligations Accrued interest—restricted	\$ 5,665,470 73,656	\$ 5,205,416 73,656	\$ 5,383,279	\$ 5,078,427
Uninvested cash	13,421	13,421	5,322	5,322
	5,752,547	5,292,493	5,388,601	5,083,749
Segregated for Washington, D. C. building:				
U. S. Government obligations	433,498	358,245	418,545	374,820
Other:				
U. S. Government obligations	6,473,581	6,044,693	6,557,060	6,375,515
Certificates of deposit	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,400,000	1,400,000
Commercial paper	945,558	1,000,000	600,000	600,000
	8,519,139	8,144,693	8,557,060	8,375,515
Total investments	\$14,705,184	\$13,795,431	\$14,364,206	\$13,834,084

NOTE 4—RESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED FUNDS:

Receipts which are restricted by the donor are credited to the appropriate restricted fund, against which all expenditures for the related project or program are charged. Periodically, the Legion may add to restricted funds through allocations from unappropriated funds for specific future purposes and projects.

The Restricted Fund, a designated fund, is restricted as to use by action of the National Finance Commission and National Executive Committee. Earnings of the Fund, as well as principal, can be expended only on the recommendation of the National Finance Commission and a two-thirds affirmative vote of the National Executive Committee at two successive meetings.

The Reserve Fund, a designated fund, also is restricted as to use by action of the National Finance Commission and National Executive Committee. Earnings of the Fund may be used for the general operations of the Legion, but the principal can be expended only:

(a) By action of the Legion at its national convention, or

(b) By two-thirds affirmative vote of the National Executive Committee in two successive meetings not less than sixty days apart.

NOTE 5-INTERFUND TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS:

During the year ended December 31, 1980, interfund transfers between unappropriated and appropriated funds were as follows:

	Appropriated Funds			
		Interfund Transfers (to) From Unappropriated Fund		
	Balance December 31, 1979	For Intended Purpose	In Fulfillment Of Purpose	Balance December 31, 1980
Publications Reserve	\$ 402,756 841,977 100,000	,	\$(4,817)	\$ 397,939 841,977 100,000
Stabilization Reserve	105,968		(7,806)	98,162
System Reserve	148,000		(148,000)	
Reserve	50,000		(10,604)	39,396
Total	\$1,648,701	\$	\$(171,227)	\$1,477,474

NOTE 6-NONEXPENDABLE FUNDS:

The earnings of the Overseas Grave Decoration Fund are being used to honor, preserve and decorate the graves of those who served in the United States armed forces who are buried overseas. The Fund is to continue at the will of the National Convention of the Legion or the National Executive Committee. The Fund's trust agreement may be amended, changed or succeeded at the will of the National Executive Committee, provided that the purpose for which the Fund was created is retained.

In October, 1974, the National Executive Committee approved the establishment of a life membership plan available to any member of a participating department. In accordance with the plan, the assets of the Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund are segregated in a trust account from which funds equal to the annual dues of life members are withdrawn for current operations each year. The trust agreement provides that the Legion has the right to withdraw part or all of the assets of the trust account and to modify or terminate the trust agreement at its discretion.

Changes in Nonexpendable Funds during the year ended December 31, 1980 are as follows:

	Overseas Grave Decoration Fund	Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund
Revenue: Paid-Up-For-Life membership dues collected Investment income	\$ 32,220 32,220	\$ 448,442 154,959 603,401
Expenses: Membership dues withdrawn Decoration of graves: European Theatre Phillipine Islands Administrative expense Trust fees	6,519 500 	129,640 21,096 15,291
Excess of revenue over expenses before	7,019	166,027
cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	25,201 6,260	437,374 11,016
Excess of revenue over expenses	31,461 401,040	448,390 1,174,838
Fund balances, December 31, 1980	\$ 432,501	\$1,623,228

The cost and market value of investments in the Nonexpendable Funds is as follows:

	December 31			
	1980		1979	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
Overseas Grave Decoration Fund:				
U.S. Government obligations	\$ 417,007	\$ 361,749	\$ 394,401	\$ 356,574
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund:				
U.S. Government obligations	\$ 884,752	\$ 837,412	\$ 420,223	\$ 400,343
Commercial paper	609,000	609,000	653,000	653,000
Common stocks	106,074	117,725	93,935	92,337
Total investments	<u>\$1,599,826</u>	\$1,564,137	\$1,167,158	\$1,145,680

NOTE 7—LIFE INSURANCE TRUST:

In connection with The American Legion's Life Insurance Plan, the Legion has created a Trust to which the First National Bank of Kansas City, Missouri, as Trustee, holds legal title. The accumulated earnings of the Trust funds and any experience rating refunds and dividends received from the insurors, which aggregate to approximately \$4,255,000 as of December 31, 1980, are available for any of the following purposes, if approved by the Legion:

- (a) To increase the Trust fund.
- (b) To reduce or pay in full the life insurance premiums thereafter due from participants.
- (c) To provide additional life insurance benefits for the participants.
- (d) To make refunds to the participants.
- (e) To make distributions to the Legion in support of its activities and programs serving the interest of the Legion and its members, provided that such distributions are not disapproved in writing by a majority of the participants.

In accordance with the provisions of item (e) above, the Legion's National Executive Committee has approved partial funding of the oratorical contest, Boy's Nation, American Legion Baseball and other programs of the Legion. At December 31, 1980, \$683,150 in Trust Funds has been approved for use in designated programs during 1981.

NOTE 8-PENSION PLAN:

Pension expense under the Legion's defined-benefit pension plan was \$599,690 in 1980. At January 1, 1980, the most recent date for which actuarial information is available, the market value of plan assets and the actuarial present value of vested benefits (using an assumed rate of return of 6%) allocated to the Legion were approximately \$7,214,000 and \$7,129,000, respectively. The present value of nonvested benefits was not computed by the Legion's actuaries.

NOTE 9—LEASE CONTRACTS:

During 1977, the Legion entered into an operating lease for the rental of computer equipment through July, 1982. The minimum monthly rental, which is modified whenever the components of the equipment are changed, currently amounts to approximately \$18,000. otal rental expense for computer facilities under this lease was \$220,446 in 1980 and \$228,219 in 1979.

In addition, the Legion has a lease with the State of Indiana for rental of the National Headquarters building in Indianapolis through November, 1981. According to the terms of the lease, in lieu of rental payments the Legion is required to maintain the interior of the building, as well as provide adequate insurance on the building. The cost of maintenance and insurance approximated \$365,000 in 1980 and \$247,000 in 1979. The Legion has the option of renewing the lease on the same terms through November, 1985.

NOTE 10-RECLASSIFICATIONS:

The 1980 financial statements are presented in a new format and the 1979 statements have been revised to permit comparison. The amounts shown for 1979 in the accompanying statement of revenue, expenses and changes in fund balances are included to provide a basis for comparison with 1980 and present summarized totals only. These changes had no effect on the excess of revenue over expenses for 1979.

AMERICAN LEGION ENDOWMENT FUND CORPORATION

S. Perry Brown (Texas), President

Foreseeing the necessity for a regular annual income to support its war veterans rehabilitation and child welfare programs, The American Legion, in the year 1925, conducted a national campaign for contributions to support those two programs. The proceeds from the campaign were placed in the custody of The American Legion Endowment Corporation as trustee, a goal of \$5 million having been set and generous contributions being received.

The corporation was incorporated in 1925 under the laws of the

State of Delaware and a trust agreement was entered into between The American Legion and the corporation under which the funds were administered by the corporation and the annual net income therefrom was paid to The American Legion for the use of the two programs described.

The financial condition of the endowment fund is summarized as shown below for each of the five preceding years. The figures shown were taken from the annual audits of Geo. S. Olive & Co., Indianapolis, Indiana.

	December 31, 1980	December 31, 1979	December 31, 1978	December 31, 1977	December 31, 1976
TOTAL ASSETS	\$7,294,883	\$7,297,577	\$7,258,445	\$7,159,699	\$7,439,164
Investments	7,170,044	7,205,633	7,048,669	7,034,954	6,956,947
Net interest received	605,235	577,261	560,767	485,658	517,708
Expense	26,866	18,232	14,841	11,256	14,192
Excess of income					
Over Expense	578,369	599,029	545,926	466,920	503,516
Earnings transferred					
to The American Legion	593,711	525,000	450,000	675,000	525,000
Yield on average book					
value of Investments					
(per cent)	8.67	8.46	8.14	7.96	7.47

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